

# **St. Raymond Parish Council**

**April 27, 2009 –7:00 PM**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Fr. Jack at 7:01 PM. Father led us in a prayer.**
- 2. Members present: Deacon Larry Agema, Clarence Hazen, Mary Hehli, Larry Julson, Jane Mueller, Claire Parr, Jeff Sauter, Veronica Sigurdson, Elaine Welin, Karen Wirtenan and Fr. Hogan. Absent: Sr. Marjorie Hill, Greg LeGare, Ron Smith**
- 3. Minutes from March 30, 2009 were distributed. No changes were presented.**

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. Education Committee:**

- a. Sister was not able to attend the meeting. Elaine read the report that Sister submitted as follows:**
- b. Both our elementary religious education program and our high school program end this week. On Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have 18 second graders make their First Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass. Special thanks to Tom Falbo, their teacher, and to Stephanie Lueck, the assistant.**
- c. We would like to thank May King, my assistant, all of our teachers and their aids, the parents who substituted, and those who listened to prayers. We will need about three new teachers for next year.**
- d. Ninth and tenth graders will have the opportunity to join Sacred Heart-St. Patrick's Parish for family night at Action City on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.**

### **2. Sacred Worship (Liturgy) Committee:**

- a. Father said that he was dissatisfied with having Confirmation during Lent. He has talked with Monsignor Gilles about this and it will be taken under advisement. Father even made the suggestion of a Wednesday evening Confirmation if all weekends after Lent are taken.**
- b. Father said that the Adult Education classes went well and were well attended. They were using a great book—"A well built Faith" which explains things so very well.**
- c. Father thanked all individuals who helped with services during Holy Week. He felt there was very good attendance at the services.**
- d. He would like more to attend the Mass on Holy Saturday. He feels that our parishioners do not totally understand the meaning of all the symbolism on this evening.**
- e. He really liked having several baptisms right after Lent as well.**
- f. Two of our members were welcomed into full communion on Holy Saturday.**
- g. Thanks to Larry Julson for attending the fire on Holy Saturday.**
- h. First Communion is set for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM.**

- i. Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, May 2.**
- j. Server Training only had 1 person showed up. That was disappointing. There will have to be another training session scheduled.**
- k. Father will announce that we still need Lectors for the 10:30 Mass. Jane needs some additional names asap as she has to do another schedule before the end of May.**

**3. Buildings and Grounds:**

- a. Clarence said that Buildings and Grounds Committee met briefly at 6:30 PM tonight (April 27). There is landscaping that needs to be done asap. Some sod has to be redone, reshaped and smoothed in.**
- b. Two work days for the church grounds have been planned:
  - i. May 9 – beginning at 9:00 AM**
  - ii. May 16 – beginning at 9:00 AM**
  - iii. Bring your shovels, rakes, wheel barrows, trimmers**
  - iv. Some of the landscaping that did not get done last fall will need to be done this spring.****
- c. Clarence had to call Energy Connections because of a gas odor and possible gas leak.
  - i. There indeed was a gas leak.**
  - ii. The gas was turned off and then the leaks were repaired.**
  - iii. They were small leaks.****
- d. Still many issues being discussed and needed to be worked on:
  - i. Ceiling in bell tower—wasting heat**
  - ii. Parking lot maintenance**
  - iii. Lamp post is repaired, but not put up yet until Carl comes up with the money****
- e. No date has been set for the next Buildings & Grounds meeting.**

**4. Social Concerns:**

- a. KC's Convention was held this past weekend. Bishop ListECKi thanked everyone for all their time and involvement in the KC's.**
- b. Even with tough times, the KC's come through.**
- c. The Bishop and the Diocese counts heavily on the KC's.**
- d. Lynn Walker was the lucky winner of \$15,000.**
- e. Larry Julson was recognized and received a District Deputy Award. Congratulations, Larry!**
- f. KC's last Fish Fry went well. They served 477 on April 24<sup>th</sup>, despite the rainy weather.**
- g. The PCCW sold religious articles for several weekends after each Mass. This sale went very well.**
- h. The PCCW has a Baby Show going on right now to collect articles for the Catholic Charities.**

- i. The PCCW is still seeking someone to run for President.
- j. The sale of the hot cross buns and the pretzels went well and the ladies will probably do this again next year.

**5. Pastor's Report:**

- a. Julie Graaskamp has agreed to Chair the Fall Festival Committee for 2009 Fall Festival.
- b. The dates of the Fall Festival are: September 11, 12 & 13, 2009.
- c. Father asked Julie, Elaine, Bob & Janet Lesniewski to meet with him on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM at the rectory.
- d. A Fall Festival Committee Meeting has been set for Monday, May 11 at 7:00 PM. Elaine will ask that all committee members attend this planning meeting.
- e. Father did not have the financial report and will provide two reports at the next meeting.
- f. Father said the Finance Council (Father, Joan and Greg) met on April 8 at the rectory. A draft of the budget was set up and will be finalized at the next meeting and then he will bring it to the Parish Council for their review.
- g. Father attended the week long Priest Retreat at St. Anthony in Marathon.
  - i. Many issues are brought up.
  - ii. He was able to socialize with other priests as there is never enough opportunities to visit with them during the year.
  - iii. This is an annual event for Father.
- h. Father was asked if St. Raymond could set up a Parish Retreat for our area. He will discuss it with the Liturgy Committee and let the Parish Council know the outcome of the discussion. Other area parishes could be invited as well. We could call it a "Day of Reflection" at St. Raymond's.

**6. What's the Buzz:**

- a. Some parishioners have voiced their dissatisfaction with not changing the Summer Mass schedule to 10:00 AM on Sundays. Members that voiced this appreciated an earlier time for Sunday Mass during the summer months.
  - i. Father does not plan to change Mass times any more during the year. It only confuses people.
  - ii. Mass times remain at 8:00 & 10:30 AM each Sunday year around.
- b. There are some people that are still asking for a Saturday Mass.
  - i. Father will not schedule a Saturday Mass until there are enough volunteers to be Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, etc.
- c. Veronica mentioned that the address listed in the phone book for our parish is really the mailing address for the rectory.
  - i. It was mentioned that if use the mailing address for the church, then mail was delivered and left outside the church, it would be damaged, etc.
  - ii. This may be discussed at a future meeting.

- d. It was mentioned that we have not seen any strangers near the CCD classes.
- 7. **Other Business:**
  - a. None.
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.
- 9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26 (May 25 is Memorial Day) at 7:00 PM in the library.

**Minutes are respectfully submitted by Elaine Welin, Secretary**