

St. Raymond Parish Council

May 26, 2009 –7:00 PM

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Fr. Jack at 7:05 PM. Father led us in a prayer.**
- 2. Members present: Deacon Larry Agema, Clarence Hazen, Mary Hehli, Larry Julson, Greg LeGare, Jane Mueller, Claire Parr, Jeff Sauter, Veronica Sigurdson, Ron Smith, Elaine Welin, Karen Wirtenan and Fr. Hogan. Absent: Sr. Marjorie Hill**
- 3. Minutes from April 24, 2009 were distributed. No changes were presented.**

BUSINESS

1. Education Committee:

- a. No Education Committee report.**

2. Sacred Worship (Liturgy) Committee:

- a. Father said that Victor Feltes will be ordained on June 27 and will be officiating at a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Raymond on June 28 at 10:30 AM.**
- b. Father stated that we had 11 weddings held so far this year at St. Raymond's.**
- c. Father mentioned that the Funeral Mass just held at 5:00 PM allowed for a better turnout in the Choir and kitchen. This new time may be a good suggestion for future Funeral Masses.**
- d. Father said that the wine is almost gone that was ordered years ago. There will be a whole new tasting wine with less alcohol content.**

3. Buildings and Grounds:

- a. Clarence thanked all who worked hard on the landscaping around the church.**
- b. Sod and black dirt had to be bought to finish the project, but the labor was completed by the volunteers.**
- c. Clarence mentioned that the pond needs a bigger liner as it still leaks.**
- d. The hill is eroding between the church and the cemetery. Wayne Kostka is planning to work on it.**
- e. Some items still needing work are:**

i. Parking Lot

- 1. Crack filling**
- 2. Striping**
- 3. Seal Coat**
- 4. Blacktop south side of building**

- ii. \$15,000 is in the budget for 2009 for the parking lot maintenance**

4. An estimate for insulation for the ceiling in the bell tower area is \$3,600

5. The rectory needs many different repairs

- a. Window replacement**
- b. Siding**
- c. Soffit board replacement**

- d. **Insulation**
 - e. **No date has been set for the next Buildings & Grounds meeting.**
- 6. Social Concerns:**
- a. **Knights of Columbus had an election of officers. Jake Geisert is the Grand Knight. The new officers will take office on July 1.**
 - b. **Donna Kuhnen is going to be serving as the PCCW President and Polly Cox will be serving as the PCCW Secretary.**
 - c. **PCCW is taking a van to the Lady of Guadalupe Shrine on June 20. Anyone interested in going, just contact Roberta Kostka.**
 - d. **Baby items are being collected for Catholic Charities.**
 - e. **Angie Frank is heading up a fund raiser for Right to Life. Folks will be asked to put their spare change into a baby bottle and turn in by June 21.**
 - f. **Sundaes on Sunday will be held on June 14 & July 12 after each Mass.**
- 7. Pastor's Report:**
- a. **Father passed out a copy of the financial report.**
 - b. **The debt for St. Raymond is down to \$1.6 M. Father would like to send out a letter to thank everyone for their pledges and completion of pledge payments.**
 - c. **The interest that the Diocese is charging us is not much—below 1%.**
 - d. **Greg mentioned that any needs around the parish that are below \$5,000 can be done without sending in for approval at the Diocesan Office.**
 - e. **Father mentioned that we can put the membership form back onto the website.**
 - f. **Sr. Marjorie is planning on returning next fall as our Religious Education Director.**
 - g. **Mary King will hopefully serve as her assistant.**
 - h. **This is Father's 36th anniversary of saying his First Mass.**
 - i. **St. Raymond is very blessed to have a young man be ordained as a priest. We need to continue to pray for Victor Feltes.**
- 8. Other Business:**
- a. **It was mentioned that we put new births, baptisms, marriages, etc., into the bulletin.**
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.**
- 10. Next Meeting: Monday, August 24 at 7:00 PM in the library.**

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Elaine Welin, Secretary