

St. Raymond Parish Council

September 22, 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: Mary Hehli, Sr. Marjorie Hill, Claire Parr, Veronica Sigurdson, Ron Smith and Fr. Hogan. Absent: Deacon Larry Agema, Clarence Hazen, Larry Julson, Greg LeGare, Jane Mueller, Jeff Sauter, Elaine Welin, Karen Wirtanen**
- 3. Minutes from August 24, 2009 were distributed. No changes were presented.**

BUSINESS

1. Education Committee:

- a. Sr. Marjorie reported 190 students enrolled in K-10. There are a few new families.**
- b. A number of students were out for opening session. Grades 3, 7, & 8 have new teachers; a college student and two high school students are aides.**
- c. The second annual Deanery Youth Rally at Action City on September 9, 2009 was a success with 50 youth from the Eau Claire area. The Deanery paid half of the \$14 charge to involve youth in more activities.**

2. Sacred Worship (Liturgy) Committee:

- a. The committee will discuss Advent at the October meeting.**
- b. Preventive measures for the flu season started in several area churches. St. Raymond's will initiate eliminating the handshake at the Kiss of Peace at Mass this week.**
- c. Anyone with signs of cold, cough, sneezing or upper respiratory problems will be asked to refrain from sharing from the cup.**
- d. Extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist are to clean hands using sanitizing lotion on the cruet table.**
- e. These directives will be repeated for several weeks until everyone is familiar with them.**
- f. Directives from the Diocese may come out later.**
- g. Stewardship forms will be handed out and completed this weekend. An envelope will be provided to ensure privacy because of the monetary pledge being included on the form.**
- h. Altar server application forms will be handled through the CCD program. Fr. Jack will handle training sessions with older servers being trained to take an active role in the ministry.**

3. Buildings and Grounds:

- a. Father reported that the new sliding casement windows have been installed in the rectory and Ron reported that the gutters have been fixed. These are the 2009 repairs.**

- b. New siding is projected for 2010. Ron reported that the siding problem was caused by the lack of a vapor barrier.
 - c. Father reported that the church parking lot cracks have been filled with parking spots relined by Clarence.
 - d. It was noted that the brush has been cut on the side of the road.
 - e. Re-sodding has been done in the back of the church.
 - f. It was determined that the water seepage in the rectory basement was caused by landscaping and window well problems and would be corrected.
4. Social Concerns:
- a. Ron Smith reported that the KC's cleared \$2,150 at the recent fish fry with the next fish fry to be October 9, 2009. There will be a fish fry every Friday during Lent with the exception of Good Friday to eliminate confusion.
 - b. The Right to Life and Keep Christ in Christmas poster contests will be underway soon.
 - c. Claire Parr reported that the PCCW will again offer Younker's Community Day \$10 coupons for the price of \$5 which will stay in PCCW funds.
 - d. The Helping Hands sign up sheet will be available and Fr. requested it be attached to the stewardship form. Father Jack will ask for sign up if helpers under "other" on the stewardship form. Ron Smith will make a box for blank forms on top with completed forms to be slipped through a slot into the box. The PCCW will be in charge of checking it weekly.
 - e. Deanery meeting is at St. Patrick's on October 5, 2009.
5. Pastor's Report:
- a. There is no final report on the Fall Festival yet. Julie did a great job and with everything being very well organized.
 - b. Father was pleased with everyone's cooperation and cheerful attitudes.
 - c. Wrap up is scheduled with a mid-October meeting.
 - d. Father discussed CASE and our contribution of \$4,000 which was not included in our budget.
 - e. Claire Parr noted that if each family member completed a separate stewardship form should the family church donation be split between the two forms or listed on only one of the forms. Fr. Jack state it should go on only one form. Father also stated that if the pledge was not completed one would be mailed out.
6. Other Business:
- a. None.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.
8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 PM in the library.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Veronica Sigurdson in the absence of Elaine Welin.