

St. James Parish Council
August 30, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Paul Horak, Heidi Vittetoe, Dan Berdo, Linda Gent, Fr. Troy, Rich Pierson, Sonia Ponce, Thomas Johnson, Phyllis Hofer, Janis Vittetoe, Genoveva Diaz.

Meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Hofer. Fr. Troy led the opening prayer using pew cards which reflect the new language in the Roman Missal. No new members/guests. Minutes from 6/28/11 approved as written (no council meeting in July).

Faith Formation: Janis Vittetoe indicated there will be several adult educational opportunities for parishioners which will focus on the upcoming changes to the Roman Missal, among them Sunday morning classes (starting 9/25), Wednesday group meetings (starting 9/21), Monday book club (starting 9/12), and a teaching Mass (10/19).

Maintenance: Dan Berdo reported that Pat Stoutner has been hired as the parish maintenance director. The parking lot which will replace the old rectory is scheduled to be paved yet this fall, and funding has already been secured.

Stewardship: Rich Pierson reported that the next Stewardship meeting will be held September 7. He reminded everyone that each person who signed up to volunteer their time should be acknowledged with a phone call.

Social Action: The 2nd annual clothing and school supply giveaway was held August 12 & 13 in the school gym. St. James and the First Christian Church partnered in the event which was very successful as approximately 200 people attended. Plans are to repeat in late summer of 2012.

Old business:

Fr. Troy reported on the parish town hall meeting which was held August 14, with Fr. Troy, Rich Pierson and Phyllis Hofer leading the discussion. Approximately 25-30 people were in attendance. Discussion centered around future sharing of priest/staff with St. Joseph Parish in Columbus Junction. Following the meeting, Fr. Troy submitted a report to the diocesan council for their review.

Heidi Vittetoe and Paul Horak reported on the parish renovation project. A letter to parishioners will be sent out after the Fall Fest explaining the first three phases of the renovation and asking whether there is funding support for all three phases at this time. The time frame for completing renovations will be determined by the amount of funding support that becomes available. It will be less disruptive to complete all phases at one time, but if enough funds do not become available, only phase one will be implemented to start with since those funds are already in hand, with the other phases being implemented as funds become available in the future.

New business:

Election of parish council officers was held for the coming year as follows: Sonia Ponce, Secretary; Rich Pierson, Vice-President; and Phyllis Hofer, President.

Approval of 2011-12 parish budget was deferred until the September meeting.

Fr. Troy reported on implementation of the new Roman Missal which we will begin using the beginning of Advent this November. The new translation is considered to be a more direct and literal translation of the original Latin prayers. Each council member was given "*A Guide to the New Translation of the Mass*" by Edward Sri. Fr. Troy will continue to include inserts in the bulletin regarding the change and other aids will be available to assist with the transition, including pew cards which will be available during Masses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00, followed by strategic planning immediately following.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00pm, followed by strategic planning.

Recorded by: Phyllis Hofer, acting Secretary/President
Pending approval at September 27 meeting

Current council members:

Fr. Troy Richmond
Dan Berdo--Maintenance
Heidi Vittetoe--Trustee
Paul Horak--Liturgy/Worship/Prayer
Becky Adam--Church Life
Rich Pierson--Stewardship
Jesse Johnston--At Large
Edgar Gutierrez--At Large/Youth

Genoveva Diaz--Faith Formation
Ryan Flannery--School Board
Carl Berst--Trustee
Phyllis Hofer--Social Action
Anne Goebel--Family Life
Sonia Ponce--At Large
Thomas Johnson--At Large/Youth