

St. William Parish Council  
February 8, 2011

Members Present: Father Balash, Ann Coursen, Gerry Dines, Bob Hardman, Linda Horm, Bob Kane, Gary Kittle, Rebecca Murphy, Cathy Poponak, Mo Thuman, and Rich Zigarovich

Members Excused: Gloria Mintus

- **Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with a prayer entitled “*Containers of Divine Love*” in anticipation of Valentine’s Day.
- **Welcome and Review of January 11, 2011 Minutes:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting. The minutes from the January 11, 2011 meeting were reviewed and accepted without any corrections.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
  - **Parish Life - Gerry Dines:** The committee met on Thursday, January 13, 2011 to finalize plans for the Parish Appreciation Dinner Dance scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2011. The menu was reviewed and several committees were selected to handle decorating, entertainment and prizes, games and drawings. Father Balash thanked the committee for their efforts in putting the evening together and to all who attended. Father Balash mentioned that the dinner dance cost about \$2,500.00 to host however the benefits received from the parishioners throughout the year far outweigh the cost of the evening. Gloria Mintus reviewed the Christmas Giving Tree project and offered thanks and appreciation to all who participated. The next meeting of the committee will be on March 17, 2011, at 7:00pm. The committee will be concentrating on establishing our sister parish relationship.
  - **Liturgy Committee -- Ann Coursen:** The committee held its meeting prior to the Parish Council meeting at 5:30pm. The committee reviewed plans for the upcoming season of Lent. The environment for Lent was finalized. Lenten booklets and Rice Bowls will once again be provided for parishioners and children. Soup and Scripture Evenings will be held on Wednesday’s during Lent. Fr. Frank Zanni, Sr. Rose Ann Krantz and Msgr. John Zuraw will be the featured speakers. The evenings will begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:45pm. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all weekend Masses on February 26/27. It was decided that the Easter Vigil will begin at 8:30pm on Holy Saturday evening. The members are also studying the new Roman Missal to be implemented in November 2011.
  - **Women’s Guild -- Mo Thuman:** The Guild reported that the TNT Night held on January 19, 2011, realized a profit of \$2,165.00. The Guild’s annual Card Party will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2011. On Wednesday, April 6, 2011, the Guild will hold their annual Kolachi Bake and on Wednesday, April

13, 2011, an Evening of Reflection for the women of the parish is being planned. Sr. Rose Ann Krantz will be the presenter and the theme of the evening will be *"The Role of Women in the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

- **Finance** -- **Bob Hardman**: Due to the weather, the Finance Committee meeting was postponed and rescheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2011.
- **Religious Education** -- **Rebecca Murphy**: The second All PSR Session was held on January 16, 2011, and dealt with the Rosary. The children made a class rosary and learned how to pray the rosary and about the mysteries of the rosary. All children received a rosary that was blessed at Mass. The Bowl-A-Thon plans are progressing. Students have received information and an invitation inviting families to join in will be issued. The Bowl-A-Thon is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2011, from 3pm-6pm.
- **Knights of Columbus**: -- **Bob Kane**: The Knights of Columbus are participating in the annual state-wide *"Pennies from Heaven,"* campaign to support local seminarians. Pocket change will be accepted after weekend Masses. The Knights will be selling Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Tickets at the Fish Dinners and after Mass one weekend. Cost is \$5.00 per ticket. The Knights will also be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt in April.
- **Pastor's Report**: Fr. Balash reported that the Social Hall Remodeling Project was completed under budget. The Fish Dinners are fast approaching and Father reminded all of the Fish Dinner Worker's Meeting on Friday, February 11, 2011, at 7:00pm. At the meeting, Father will address the issue of the free meals for workers. Last year a total of 528 meals were give free to the workers totaling \$4,224.00. While the hard work of volunteers is appreciated, we must also remain concerned about the total amount of free food that is being given away. Fr. Balash also reported that as of February 3, 2011, we are due a rebate of \$4,902.32 from the 2010 Bishop's Appeal. The rebate checks will be mailed in early March.
- **Member Comments**: None
- **Old Business**: None
- **New Business**: Fr. Balash told the members that he was recently notified by the Diocese that one acre of undeveloped land immediately across Mahoning Ave. from the Church entrance had been left to the Diocese through an estate. The Diocese contacted the Parish to inquire if the parish would be interested in the land. Fr. Balash responded affirmatively and is waiting for further information from the Diocese.
- **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.