

St. William Parish Council
March 16, 2010

Members Present: Father Balash, Bob Hardman, Debbie Hayes, John Heib, Jean Kiepper, Brian McCue, Gloria Mintus, Margaret Prebonick, and Jamie Taneri

Members Excused/Absent: Ann Plant and Ann Sprague

Jean Kiepper called the meeting to order and welcomed all the members. The meeting began with a Lenten prayer service entitled, "*Create in Me a Clean Heart.*" The minutes from the February 18, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted.

Formation: A short discussion was held by the members regarding the proposed new By-Laws for Parish Council. After reviewing the document one final time, the members recommended acceptance and approval of the new By-Laws. Fr. Balash stated that the new By-Laws will be posted on the parish website and take effect in July 2010. At the next meeting, he will present a plan for reorganizing the council.

Ministry/Organization Reports:

- a. Parish Life Committee: The committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 7pm. At this meeting they will be reviewing the Parish Appreciation Dinner Dance and also discussing the possibility of St. William Parish entering into a "sister" parish relationship with a parish community in either Appalachia, New Orleans, Uganda or El Salvador. The committee will also be discussing the possibility of participating in the Catholic Charities "First Step for Change" program this spring.

- b. Liturgy: The committee met on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, before the Parish Council meeting to finalize Holy Week and Easter Liturgy plans and environment. The committee briefly reviewed the Lenten season and the various aspects of the season including: Lenten environment, weekly tasks, Lenten booklets, Anointing of the Sick and Stations of the Cross. All components of the Lenten season received favorable comments with the exception of Stations of the Cross. The committee will consider what changes might be made next year to make the Stations of the Cross more appealing to parishioners. It seems that holding the service after Fish Dinners is not being received well by parishioners, especially those who have worked the dinners. The committee was also asked for input regarding topics for the Diocesan Liturgy Committee evenings sponsored by the Worship Committee of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Fr. Balash, who serves on this committee, will report back to Worship Committee the opinions of members regarding topics. The members were made aware of the following upcoming events:
Chrism Mass on April 1 at 10:30am St. Columba Cathedral

First Communion Weekends April 17/18 and April 24/25
Bishop's Appeal Weekends April 24/25, May 1/2 and May 8/9

- c. Social Concerns: See Parish Life
- d. Women's Guild: The Guild submitted the following report.
--The last Guild meeting was on Wednesday, March 3, 2010.
--The Annual Card Party will be on Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 1:00pm. A committee meeting will be held on April 5 at 6:00pm to finalize plans for the event.
--A partial slate of officers was presented and voted on for next year. They include: Kathy Williams, Secretary; Ann Coursen, Treasurer; Karen Cullivan, Vice President. There was no one for President but since the meeting Mo Thuman was approached and agreed to be considered. She will be presented and voted on at the April meeting.
--Cathy Poponak and Tina McCue have started shopping for some decorating items for the men's and ladies restrooms.
----Upcoming events include their kolachi bake on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, beginning at 8:00am; the annual Spring Card Party on April 11, 2010 at 1:00pm; and the Mother/Child Banquet on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 5pm..
- e. Finance: The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. Fr. Balash reported that \$5,219.05 was collected for our special second collection to help with unexpected expenses the parish incurred during the winter season including the new fryers for the kitchen. This was a great help to the parish budget. A new lease agreement for a copier for the office was renewed recently for 5 years with Crosby Mook. The monthly payments for the copier and service agreement will be slightly less than the current agreement. The new machine will be coming to the office soon. Fr. Balash related to the members that new benefit costs for employees of the parish have been forwarded by the diocese. In projecting the budget for 2010-2011 the following expenditures should be considered: Hospitalization Premiums 12% increase; Property and Casualty Insurance Premiums 8% increase; Life Insurance Plan-same as last year (.75%); Long Term Disability-same as last year (.25%); Employee Pension Plan Employer Contribution-same as last year (8%); Unemployment and Workers Compensation Insurance Plan 1% increase; Priest Retirement Plan increase to \$633/month from \$475/month. Obviously, these increases will effect our overall budget planning for the next fiscal year.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Balash reminded members that cards of welcome and support the RCIA candidates are due on Palm Sunday. Fr. Balash also passed out to the members the proposed draft plan of the Parish Pastoral Planning Report for Trumbull County indicating the stand alone parishes, collaborative units and merged units. A discussion was held among members about the implications of the plan and the effect it will have on Trumbull County and Saint William Parish.

Old Business: Fr. Balash thanked the members for their support and hard work for the annual Fish Dinners. He provided the following report regarding this year's Fish Dinners.

	Served	Profit
Feb. 5:	648	2,552.97 (51.73%)
Feb. 12	603	1,921.49 (42.84%)
Feb. 19	908	4,221.50 (59.32%)
Feb. 26	794	3,436.67 (55.92%)
Mar. 5	1006	4,512.03 (57.75%)

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. The next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday, **April 13, 2010 at 7:00pm.**