

St. William Parish Council
April 13, 2010

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

Jean Kiepper called the meeting to order and welcomed all the members. The meeting began with an Easter prayer service entitled, "*Keep Our Hearts Burningt.*" The minutes from the March 16, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted.

Formation: Update on Reorganization of Parish Council Fr. Balash had nothing to report and will try to have an update for the May 11th meeting.

Ministry/Organization Reports:

- a. Parish Life Committee: The committee met on Thursday, March 18, 2010, at 7pm and discussed and reviewed the Parish Appreciation Dinner Dance. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of St. William Parish entering into a "sister" parish relationship with a parish community in Appalachia. The reaction to this idea was positive and it was decided to pursue this possibility. The committee decided to participate in the Catholic Charities "First Step for Change" program in October of this year. Gloria Mintus reported that Easter Food Baskets were distributed to 47 families in the area for the holiday and thanked the parish for their generosity. The committee is looking to help with the Parish Picnic in August and scheduling a fall parish dance for early November. The committee will also look to sponsor the annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner this year.
- b. Liturgy: The committee met on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, before the Parish Council meeting to review Holy Week and the Easter Liturgies. Many thanks to everyone who helped to enhance the liturgies during the Holy Week Triduum which brought true meaning to the season. Thanks were also offered for all who worked on the environment and music for the season. The annual Marian devotion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 2nd at 4:00pm prior to the Mother/Child banquet. The youth of the parish will take part in this devotion. The Feast of Pentecost on May 23rd will bring the Easter Season to its conclusion. Vacation Bible School will be held at St. John's this year along with St. William and Champion Christian Church. It will be held either June 14-18 in the evening or August 10-14 in the afternoon.
- c. Social Concerns: See Parish Life
- d. Women's Guild: The Guild held their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 7th at 6:30pm. The Guild has been involved in the following recent events:
 - Kolachi Bake on March 10;

- Reception for Bishop Murry on Palm Sunday;
 - Reception for newly initiated after the Easter Vigil on April 3rd;
 - Annual Card Party held on April 11th;
 - The annual Mother/Child banquet will be held on Sunday, May 2nd at 5:00pm;
 - \$2500 was given to the parish to help with unexpected costs incurred during the winter months and for the new fryers in the kitchen;
 - Mo Thuman was nominated and elected President for the 2010-2011 year;
 - Installation of the new officers will be on Wednesday, May 5th at the regular meeting of the Guild;
 - A new chairperson is needed for the Craft Show in December.
- e. Finance: The Finance Committee met 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. The Quilters donated \$6000.00 towards the new parish sign and Fr. Balash will pursue a formal bid in the near future. It was reported that the carpets in the Social Hall and vestibule were recently cleaned. The committee also asked for Council's recommendation to enter into a service contract for the boiler with Best Heating to alleviate problems that occurred this past winter. The contract cost is \$700.00 for twice a year inspection of the boiler with a 10% discount on parts and needed labor resulting from the inspection. The members recommended that the parish enter into this agreement. The committee also asked the members for a recommendation to approve a trip to Cedar Point for the youth of the parish this summer. The council was in favor of this proposal.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Balash reported to the members that the annual Bishop's Appeal would begin in late April. The parish goal this year is \$30,240.00. Last year's goal was \$30,732.00 and the parish pledged \$42,037.00. Thus far \$38,507.00 has been collected which will result in a rebate of \$3,887.00 to the parish. Fr. Balash also reported that a Spring Clean-Up day for the parish has been scheduled for Saturday, May 1st at 10am. In addition, he stated that the parish calendar for 2010-2011 will be forthcoming

Old Business:

Fish Dinners: It was reported that the Fish Dinners this year realized a profit of \$27,647.12. A full report will be given at the Workers Wrap-Up Get Together on Friday April 23rd and to the parish the weekend of April 24/25.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm. The next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday, **May 11, 2010 at 7:00pm.**