

St. William Parish Council
May 11, 2010

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

Members Excused/Absent: Bob Hardman, Ann Sprague and Jamie Taneri

Jean Kiepper called the meeting to order and welcomed all the members. The meeting began with an opening prayer service entitled, "*Scripture Prayer*." The minutes from the April 13, 2010, meeting were approved as submitted.

Formation: Update on Reorganization of Parish Council Fr. Balash reviewed Article 5 – "Council Make-Up," and Article 7 – "Selection to the Council," of the recently approved By-Laws with the members. In an effort to enact these procedures, Fr. Balash informed the members that the Parish Ministry Groups have been, or will soon be notified, to select a new representative to Parish Council for the upcoming year beginning in September. Fr. Balash also mentioned that a bulletin and pulpit announcement soliciting nominations for At-Large members will begin the weekend of May 15/16. Fr. Balash will also begin considering appointed members to the Council. A discussion ensued about offering an invitation to the Knights of Columbus to have a representative to the Council. The members agreed to this invitation and Fr. Balash will solicit a response from the Knights at their next meeting. A special discernment meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, to discern At-Large members from those nominated and to welcome the new Parish Ministry Representatives and Appointed members. At this special meeting, the current members of council will also be recognized and thanked for their service to the parish over the past years. The new Parish Council will begin its work in September 2010. It was suggested that once the new members of Council have been determined that their pictures be posted and names listed in the bulletin.

Ministry/Organization Reports:

- a. Parish Life Committee: The committee will meet on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at 7:00pm. Fr. Edward Brienz who heads the Mission Office for the Diocese will be present to speak to the group about a "sister parish" relationship. The group will also be discussing meeting dates for 2010-2011, the Parish Picnic and choosing a representative to Parish Council.
- b. Liturgy: The committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 5:00pm to discuss meeting dates for 2010-2011. The committee will also be choosing a representative to Parish Council and discussing the summer liturgical season.
- c. Women's Guild: The Guild held their installation meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, at 6:30pm. New officers for the upcoming year are: Mo Thuman, President; Karen Cullivan, Vice-President; Ann Coursen, Treasurer;

and Kathy Williams, Secretary. The Guild Executive Committee will be meeting on May 20th to plan their calendar for the upcoming year. The Christmas Craft Show is in need of a new chairperson. The event is in December but letters are usually sent in June/July. Other events that the Guild has recently been involved with include:

- Annual Card Party – April 11 attended by 152 with an profit of \$1577.00;
- Annual Mother/Child Banquet on May 2 with 92 attending.

The Guild also donated \$1000 for the Cedar Point Trip for the youth of the parish in June. Summer events sponsored by the Guild include: the Summer Trunk Sale June 19; Rummage Sale August 5-7; and the annual Parish Picnic on August 15. Consideration is being given to starting the Parish Picnic with an outdoor mass on August 15.

- d. Finance: The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, to begin planning the Parish Budget for the next fiscal year. The committee will also be finalizing meeting dates and choosing a representative to Parish Council. The committee will also be discussing future capital improvement projects for the parish.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Balash reported to the members that the annual Bishop's Appeal wrapped up the weekend of May 8/9. At the present time we are about \$5000.00 short of our goal of \$30,240.00. Fr. Balash reminded members that parish calendar dates are due by May 28, 2010 so that a master calendar can be composed. Fr. Balash thanked the members for their dedication and commitment to the work and mission of the Council over the past two years.

Old Business: Fr. Balash updated the members on the progress of the new parish sign. The new sign and installation of the current sign at the exit driveway is slated to take place this coming summer. Mike Makes Signs from Champion will be doing the work. A formal contract will soon be signed by the parish. At the present time, all of the necessary funds for the project have been secured. Fr. Balash also spoke of the upcoming trip to Cedar Point for the youth of the parish. Plans for the trip continue to move forward.

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm. The next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday, **June 15, 2010 at 7:00pm**. At this time, new members of the council will be seated and the evening will conclude with a recognition of the current members for their dedication and commitment to the Council for the past two years and beyond.