

St. William Parish Council
September 7, 2010

Members Present: Father Balash, Ann Coursen, Gerry Dines, Bob Hardman, Bob Kane, Gary Kittle, Gloria Mintus, Cathy Poponak, Mo Thuman, and Rich Zigarovich

Members Excused: Linda Horm and Rebecca Murphy

- **Opening Prayer:** The members met in Church for an Opening Prayer and Anointing Service entitled, *Blessings on Those Called to Ministry*.
- **Welcome and Review of May 11, 2010 Minutes:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and asked for everyone to introduce themselves.
- **Review of By-Laws and Organization of Parish Council:** Fr. Balash briefly reviewed the By-Laws and Organization of Parish Council that were adopted in March 2010. The members received a copy of the By-Laws in advance of the meeting and were asked to review them.
 - **Determination of Terms of Service:** Because the Parish Council was newly constituted in September 2010, a determination of terms of service needed to be conducted. Members from each representative group picked from a basket by lot to determine their term of service on council. According to the By-Laws, members can serve for two year terms renewable for an additional two years. By determining the term of service at this meeting, the proper rotation of council members will begin in May 2011. The following chose two year terms: Ann Coursen, Rebecca Murphy, Bob Kane, Gary Kittle, Gloria Mintus, and Cathy Poponak. The following members chose one year terms: Mo Thuman, Bob Hardman, Gerry Dines, Linda Horm and Rich Zigarovich.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
 - **Parish Life - Gerry Dines:** Gerry reported about the upcoming projects that the Parish Life Committee is working on. They include: First Step for Change collection for Catholic Charities in October, a Fall Parish Dance on October 16th, Trick or Trunk on October 31st, Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on November 21st, and the annual Parish Appreciation Dinner Dance on January 29th. In addition the committee continues to explore the possibility of establishing a “sister” parish relationship with a parish in Appalachia. Fr. Balash met this summer with Fr. Tim Drake, pastor of St. Anthony’s Parish in Norton, Virginia regarding this matter. The committee will be meeting on Wednesday, September 15 to continue its discussion and begin planning the above listed events for the parish.
 - **Liturgy Committee -- Ann Coursen:** The committee had its first meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 5:30pm. The committee is preparing to host the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Evening for Liturgy Committee’s at St. William Parish on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. In addition, the

committee began discussing preparations for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season and also reviewed plans for the All Souls Remembrance for the weekend of October 30/31. The committee meets every month on the second Tuesday at 5:30pm

- **Women's Guild** -- **Mo Thuman**: The Guild held their first meeting on Wednesday, September 1st with their annual wine and cheese gathering. The Guild voted to advance \$5000 to the parish for the renovation of the Social Hall and an additional \$300 to purchase a new couch in the vestibule. The Guild assisted with the Parish Picnic in August and held their annual Rummage Sale netting a profit of \$4,300.00. The Guild has a number of activities planned for the year including an Evening of Reflection for the women of the parish in mid-April.
- **Finance** -- **Bob Hardman**: The Finance Committee last met in July to finalize the budget for the fiscal year and to review the year-end Parish Finance Reports for the Diocese. Bob also reviewed the tentative plans for the Social Hall renovation. Fr. Balash announced to the council that the annual parish appeal for stewardship would begin the weekend of September 11/12 with the review of the Financial Report, and continue for the following two weeks. September 18/19 will deal with a renewal of Stewardship of Treasure and September 25/26 will deal with a renewal of Stewardship of Time and Talent. Father Balash passed out a copy of the Parish Financial Report that will be included as an insert in the bulletin September 11/12. At this time the financial picture of the parish is positive. He noted that we are current in paying our bills and fulfilling our obligations to the Diocese and to the local Catholic school in addition to engaging in a program of capital improvements. At the same time, Fr. Balash pointed out that Sunday offerings need to increase to keep pace with the increased cost of operating the parish. He is hopeful that the parishioners will respond positively to this need and that the parish will be able to continue to enjoy financial stability.
- **Religious Education** -- **Rebecca Murphy**: No formal report. PSR Classes begin Sunday, September 12, at 9:30am.
- **Knights of Columbus**: -- **Bob Kane**: Bob Kane serves as the Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus affiliated with Saint William Parish. Bob presented to the members a comprehensive list of projects that the Knights have been involved in over the past year in service to the parish and outside the parish. Most notable was the recent construction of a handicap ramp for Marian Metea. All of the materials and labor were furnished by the Knights to help Mrs. Metea be able to get out of her house. The Knights also generously volunteer in large capacities towards many of the parish activities and functions including but not limited to: Women's Guild Christmas Craft Show set-up and tear down; Red Cross Blood Drives held at the Parish, assistance at Trunk Sales, repairing of chairs in the church, Mother's Day breakfast, Easter Vigil assistance, landscaping help, and any other parish project that needs help or assistance. In addition, the Knights also support the Parish Food Pantry, sponsor a Free Throw Basketball Contest and Soccer Challenge, sponsor a Knights Family Picnic and support various Knights of

Columbus fundraising efforts that contribute the mission of the Church. The Knights of Columbus are very active and involved.

- **Pastor's Report:** Fr. Balash reported on the following items:
 - The new Parish Sign has been installed with some minor additions needed to complete the project. Lights for the sign will be installed soon.
 - Fr. Balash reported that the parish has an opportunity to purchase an aluminum statue of St. William for the outside of the Church. The members were shown pictures and recommended that we pursue this possibility.

- **Old Business:** None

- **New Business:** Fr. Balash distributed Parish Calendars to all the council members for their use and information.

- **Next Meeting:** The Parish Council will next meet on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm