

St. William Parish Council  
October 18, 2010

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

Members Excused: Bob Hardman and Gary Kittle

- **Opening Prayer:** The members opened with a prayer about autumn entitled “*The Seasons of Life*.”
- **Welcome and Review of September 7, 2010 Minutes:** Fr. Balash welcomed the members to the meeting and asked for everyone to introduce themselves. The minutes from the September 7, 2010 meeting were reviewed and accepted without any corrections.
- **Ministry/Organization Reports:**
  - **Parish Life - Gerry Dines:** Gerry reported about the upcoming projects that the Parish Life Committee is working on.
    - Unfortunately the Parish Fall Dance was cancelled because the response was not sufficient to make it worthwhile.
    - The First Step for Change for Catholic Charities concludes on October 24.
    - Plans are underway for the annual Trick or Trunk Halloween Party on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5-7pm
    - The committee is working on the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner scheduled for Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Other churches from the Champion Ministerial Association have expressed an interest in being included.
    - As members of the Champion Coalition of Churches, we are asking for non-perishable and monetary donations for Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. Donations can be made in the vestibule until November 14. The committee will help to make up baskets on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - The Christmas Giving Tree will be in the vestibule on November 6<sup>th</sup> and gifts need to be returned by December 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be 130 tags this year and families in need from St. William are asked to place their requests through Catholic Charities.
    - The “sister parish” project is continuing in discussion.
    - The Parish Appreciation Dinner Dance is scheduled for Saturday, January 29. More details will be forthcoming.
  - **Liturgy Committee -- Ann Coursen:** The committee held its meeting prior to the Parish Council meeting at 5:00pm. The “All Souls Day” Rite of Remembrance will be held the weekend of October 30/31 at all Masses. The

committee continues to work on plans for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. The Advent environment will be assembled on Friday, November 26 and the Christmas environment will be done on Sunday, December 19 at 12:30pm. Advent Reflection booklets will once again be available for parishioners this year.

- **Women's Guild** -- **Mo Thuman:** The Guild held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 6 and discuss the Christmas Craft Show, Parish Family Holiday Dinner and the Kolachi Bake. The Christmas Craft Show is sold out for this year. The Kolachi Bake is scheduled for December 1<sup>st</sup> and the Parish Family Holiday Dinner is on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. More details will be forthcoming
- **Finance** -- **Fr Balash:** The Finance Committee met on October 11<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the current financial position of the parish. Fr. Balash reported that there has been a slight increase in Sunday offerings which will help the parish continue to meet its obligations. The current time of year is challenging because many start-up expenses are occurring but income remains constant. It is hoped that everything will be caught up by Christmas. The Christmas Cash Raffle is underway and tickets are now available. The drawing for prizes begins on Thanksgiving Day and continues through December 19<sup>th</sup>. The refurbished sign is scheduled to be installed at the end of October. The Social Hall remodeling project is moving along. (See Pastor's Report)
- **Religious Education** -- **Rebecca Murphy:** PSR Classes are underway with 70 students currently enrolled. The first All-PSR session will be on Sunday, December 12. The entire student body will attend the 11:00am Mass that day. Meetings for parents of Second Grade Students for First Reconciliation are beginning with the first one scheduled for Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The PSR program hopes to become more active in service projects this year and a short discussion among members took place. Members were asked to surface additional ideas at the next meeting.
- **Knights of Columbus:** -- **Bob Kane:** The Knights of Columbus assisted at the Benefit Dinner for Joe Makosky on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Knights are sponsoring a casino bus trip on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The sacristy bathroom was painted recently and wall sconces in the Church installed courtesy of the Knights. The repair of the Memory Garden patio will be delayed until the Spring and the Knights will assist with the bonfire and refreshments at the "Trick or Trunk" Halloween Party on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Pastor's Report:** Fr. Balash reported on the following items:
  - The Social Hall Remodeling Project is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 3, 2011. The project will take about 2 weeks to complete. The

wainscoting and carpet for the walls have been selected. The new glass block windows have already been installed.

- Fr. Balash will be traveling to Cleveland soon to look at the aluminum statue of St. William that is for sale for the outside of the Church. He will report back at the next meeting.
- Fr. Balash will continue to explore the “sister parish project” with Fr. Tim Drake, Pastor of Saint Anthony Church in Norton Virginia. The Parish Life Committee is working on this project as well.

- **Member Comments:** None
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** None
- **Next Meeting:** The Parish Council will next meet on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm