

St. James Parish Council
Tuesday August 28, 7 PM
MINUTES

Opening Prayer *Father opened our meeting at 7:03 by reading the Sunday Gospel.*

Roll Call *Beth McBride, Pat Dessner, Rich Pierson, Paul Horak, Carl Berst, Father Troy, Nicole Stoutner*

Approval of May meeting minutes *The minutes stand approved as read.*

Commission Reports

Pastor's Report *Masses are going smoothly with the changes. Everyone is adapting. On Oct. 22 from 6:30 to 9 in Tobin Hall all leadership groups are invited to attend the Stewardship Evening of Reflection. Bob Squires has been invited to give a testimony about his stewardship way of life.*

Finance Council *Staff Handbook has been updated by Finance council. Budget has been approved by Finance and has been sent to the Diocese for approval.*

School Board *We hired Mr. Chet Wisniewski as our principal. He is very enthusiastic and here for the school. He was previously Vice Principal at Regina in Iowa City.*

Hispanic Committee *On Sept. 14th the group will be having a retreat from 7 am to 8:30 PM. They have invited a wonderful singer to celebrate with them. The group will also be making tamales for the Fall Fest auction.*

Church Life *Church Life has not had any meetings over the summer. We have just received the schedule for Faith Formation and will gear up for the reception for 1st Communicants in the fall at Tobin Hall. We will also be mailing our letters to Sunday AM coffee volunteers. We will still have the Sunday AM coffee at Tobin Hall during the renovation.*

Faith Formation *There are about 12 people who have expressed interest in RCIA.*

Liturgy/Worship *Masses have been moved to their temporary locations in Tobin Hall and KC Hall. Reservation Chapel is temporarily in the youth room office (Linda Gent's). New sign ups are out for Adoration time periods. Need to address some upcoming issues / suggestions: Work with renovation committee on tabernacle, station, liturgical furnishings, etc; Altar server recruitment and training; Altar server alb (garment) procurement required by Bishop; Program to promote enthronement of Sacred Heart in our homes.*

Social Action *Kid's Giveaway sponsored by St. James, First Christian Church,*

United Methodist and HACAP on August 14th. Quality clothing and over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies were provided for children grades K-8. HACAP purchased 182 backpack and United Methodist provided \$2000 for school supplies. Next year we are looking to include other local churches so that we have one primary event in the community! We are please to welcome Zulma Lievanos to our committee. Next Saturday Kitchen is on September 7 and we are always looking for helpers. Coats for Kids project is scheduled for October.

Maintenance *We had a 4 Seasons of Stewardship event where we had a group of about 15 parishioners on August 3rd. We worked a lot outside getting the beds around the church and school weeded, bushes trimmed, and windows washed inside and out. Marty and Teresa Beenblossom painted the parking lot lines on both the north and south parking lots.*

Stewardship *The Stewardship catalog will be published online and will go out electronically with the Sunday bulletin. Stewardship renewal will be done online so that the information will be entered into the Ministry Pro program. The Sept. 21 and 22 weekend will be the date of the renewal.*

Family Life *No report.*

Youth Representative *No report.*

Other Reports

Church Renovation Progress *Pews are gone, the back wall has been removed. Pews have been sold. Marshall Flooring will be doing the flooring. There is a meeting Aug. 29th to discuss the design of the spaces.*

Fall Fest *Fall Fest is Sept. 9th. Mass on Sunday at 9:00 will be under the trees in front of school. Bring lawn chairs.*

Old Business

Council Vacancies *Maintenance, At-Large, look at Time and Talent results after the Stewardship renewal weekend.*

Mass Schedule Resolution *Father has been approached about taking over a Mass from Father Brownfield in the next couple of years. The Parish Council needs to clarify the direction of the Mass schedules. Canon Law states that Priests celebrate 3 Masses a weekend and under special circumstances can celebrate 4 Masses. Parish Council is making a statement regarding the current Mass schedule:*

The current weekend Mass schedule of 5:30PM on Saturday, 9:00AM on Sunday, and 11:30 AM Spanish Mass will continue after the period of renovation. This is subject to review dependent upon pastoral necessity.

Pierson made a motion to accept the resolution for Masses and McBride seconded. Motion carried.

Review of Pastoral Plan NA

New Business

Election of Officers

Upcoming schedule and announcements *Our next meeting will be Oct. 15th at 7:00 PM.*

Parish Leadership Stewardship Evening of Renewal on Oct. 22nd

Closing Prayer *Berst made a motion to adjourn and Pierson seconded. Motion carried. The Council adjourned at 8:00 and prayed the Hail Mary. We then enjoyed wonderful treats provided by Beth McBride.*

Dutifully submitted by

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