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Parish Council Minutes June 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nathan Wanstrath at 7:00 PM.

Attendance:

Fr. Randy Summers, Chairperson Nathan Wanstrath, Secretary Sebastian Moster, TJ Greene, Amy Tonges, Jason Burlage, Linda Siefert, Kim Koehne, MaryJo Wuestefeld, Ryan Rahe, and Kevin Chaffee.

Opening Prayer:

The opening prayer was given by Nathan Wanstrath.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by TJ Greene and seconded by Ryan Rahe to approve the minutes. A copy of the minutes will be placed in the binder in the back of church and emailed to the parish secretary.

Pastor's Report:

Ordination of Father Jerry Byrd and parish celebration went well. The ongoing cemetery work should be finished by Friday.

HVAC system for the school: Plan is to replace both boilers, do remediation on the two existing boilers and hope to recoup scrap value. The better technology previously investigated would involve significantly more spend (perhaps more than \$1 million,) would have also replaced the piping. There will be more maintenance required with this plan, such as repairing or replacing sections of piping as needed, but no loan will be required.

New Business:

The new piano in church was purchased (used.) The piano previously used in church was moved to the school for use there.

The parish is buying the Prickel house next to the parking lot across ST. Louis Place, and converting it to meeting space. The entire Weigel Building will then be available for use by the preschool.

Election of Parish Council officers – The following members were nominated and accepted to their respective offices:

President – TJ Greene

Vice President – Kevin Chaffee

Secretary – Ryan Rahe

Reports:

Commission reports had been sent out prior to the meeting to all council and committee members for review. (They are attached to these minutes.)

Amy Tonges also reported additional items from the School Commission: A survey of the graduating 8th grade class was conducted, and the commission felt like some good information was gleaned from the results. There are 16 SGO recipients, 7 vouchers for next school year. Some are transfers from the public school.

Jason Burlage reported for the Finance Committee: YTD revenue is \$2.4M, expenses are \$2.42M. These numbers are close to plan, timing of tuition payments affects the current shortfall. Cash balance is up \$100k from prior year. \$2.66M in revenue and expenses budgeted for next fiscal year (includes parish and school.) This is a slight increase from FY12.

Old Business:

Regarding the list of potentially inactive parishioners, all members are asked to email the results of their contacts to new Secretary Ryan Rahe.

Cemetery Refurbishing as reported in the Herald Tribune: Money for this activity came from some donations, and also money that was existing in the cemetery fund.

Closing Prayer:

The closing prayer was led by Father Randy. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for August 21 in the back room of the Parish office.

Development Report
 Parish Council
 June 2012

Grants Requested since May 2011:

May 2011-----John A Hillenbrand-----\$6,500.00-----Whiteboards----Yes

May 2011-----Wm.A & Martha H
 Hillenbrand -----\$8,000.00-----Whiteboards----Yes

April 2011 &
 July 2011-----RSRF -----\$25,000.00----Whiteboards----NO

Aug 2011-----RCCF -----\$10,000.00-----iPads2 (Music)-NO

Oct. 2011-----RSRF -----\$8,000.00-----iPad2s (\$5,000(contingent)
 Yes

Nov. 2011-----Wm.A & Martha H
 Hillenbrand-----\$4,300.00-----iPad2s (\$5,000.00)Yes

Jan . 2012-----Kroger Company-----\$10,000.00----iPad2s (\$3,500)Yes

Mar 2012-----Honda of America-----\$25,000.00----Whiteboards---???

April 2012-----RSRF -----\$19,000.00----MacBook Aires---?

May 2012-----John A Hillenbrand-----\$12,000.00----Content Filter----Yes

May 2012-----John A Hillenbrand-----\$8,800.00----iPad2s (Music)---Yes

May 2012-----John A. Hillenbrand-----\$15,000.00---Whiteboards-----Yes

Plan to ask Raskob Foundation for \$10,000 for wireless; RSRF for \$10,000 toward wireless and RCCF for \$5,000 toward wireless before August 2012.

School Commission Report

6/05/12

1. New School Commission members include Sarah Tekulve, Dawn Krekeler and Joe Meyer. Elections for officers were held and Amy Tonges will remain chair. Jill Koch will remain co-chair and Sarah Pulskamp will remain secretary.
2. We continue our efforts to promote the SGO and Vouchers through letters, phone calls, etc.
3. Implementation for the Baptism gifts and Birthday gifts for potential students will begin in August with the new school year.

Principal's Report

1. We offered to put a link to OA on our website. In return, they are putting our link on their site.
2. We currently have 16 students qualified for a SGO for next year.
3. We currently have 7 students on the voucher for next year.
4. Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District awarded SLS a "hand" chair for our efforts in recycling.
5. The Herald Tribune Creative Kids Ad contest awards were presented on the last day of school. Bonnie Motts from the Herald made the comment the SLS always has the most awards of any school.
6. Our End of Course (ECA) Algebra scores came back. All 17 students received a pass plus score. One student had a perfect score. That makes our 4-year passing rate of 100%. Just a reminder, the high school each of these students attends will get credit for that score.
7. In the 4 and ½ years the Herald ran the Classroom of the Month contest, SLS won it 16 times. That is 16 out of the possible 37 months.
8. SLS was named a "Healthy Hoosier" school by Mitch Daniels for a 5th consecutive year.

Faith Formation Commission Report

June 19, 2012

We are in the process of finding three new members as Deb Weigel, Bobbie Laker, and Christy Moenter's terms come to an end.

Looking ahead into the next calendar year, we are thinking of activities that revolve around the Year of Faith that begins in October 2012.

The First Sunday Holy Hour for Vocations is still continuing. Once Ron Freyer is ordained to the diaconate, there will be benediction in addition to the Rosary and prayers that are currently being said.

Parish Life Committee Report

April 17, 2012

International Tasting of Cuisine, March 18th

The Parish Life Committee held our first International Social Event, hopefully to become an annual event. We had 13 countries represented. Approximately 200 attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The volunteers who made the different ethnic dishes were well pleased at how their food was received and enjoyed.

I have attached a copy of our brochure showing the names of all who helped make this a very successful event.

Spring Tea, April 14th

Today, Saturday, April 14th was the second annual Ladies Spring Tea. We had 56 ladies attend. Our guest speaker this year was Cathy Cooley who talked about the benefits of a home garden and demonstrated how to make Kale a tasty dish.

We tried something a little different this year, instead of just serving scones and cookies we had a first course of scones followed by finger sandwiches. After Cathy's demonstration she served us a taste of kale that she had prepared. Along with that we had cheese balls, ham and chicken salad filled filo, and Mexican Wedding cookies, followed by a fruit cup and candy filled cookie baskets. Center pieces of African Violets were artfully arranged by Carolyn Dieckmann and given as gifts to all attendees.

Thanks to our gentlemen servers, Jim Mahle, Don Fryer, John Kellerman, Tom Sullivan and especially to Joe Fryer who served as Cathy Cooley's assistant.

Thanks to my committee, Rheadawn Young, Mary Beth Fryer, Marilyn Fryer, Margie Walke and Dee Dee Kaiser.

June 19th, 2012

To: St. Louis Church Parish Council
From: Jason Burlage, Finance Committee Chairperson
Re: Finance Committee Update

Financial Update

Through May, St. Louis fiscal year-to-date revenues are \$2.39M, and expenses are \$2.42M, bringing us \$30k unfavorable, primarily due to timing of tuition payments.

Cash on hand is \$560k, the ADLF restricted accounts have a balance of \$460k, and the Hilliard Lyons main, technology, and operating accounts have balances of \$1.2M, \$360k, and \$150k, respectively, for a total asset balance of \$2.7M. This balance is up \$100k from one year ago.

Finance Committee Update

2013 Budget

The budget for next year is finalized and will be submitted to the Archdiocese in June. Planned revenue and expenses for the 2013 fiscal year are both \$2.66M, providing for a balanced budget for the parish and school combined.