



## St. Louis Catholic Church

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# Parish Council Minutes November 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson TJ Greene at 7:00 PM.

### **Attendance:**

Fr. Randy Summers, Chairperson TJ Greene, Secretary Ryan Rahe, Kevin Chaffee, Jason Burlage, Linda Siefert, Dee Dee Kaiser, Mark Masavage, and MaryJo Wuestefeld.

### **Opening Prayer:**

The opening prayer was given by TJ Greene.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Linda Siefert and seconded by Father Randy 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:**

The Prickle house is in the process of being renovated. Some of the renovations include painting, removing the chimney, pulling up the carpet, removing one of the walls for more open space. Most of this work has been completed. The next step is to put new flooring in parts of the house.

### **New Business:**

No new business this month.

### **Reports:**

The school commission report and financial update was sent out prior to the meeting to all council and committee members for review. (The reports submitted are attached to these minutes.)

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**Old Business:**

No old business

There will be no meeting in December.

**Closing Prayer:**

The closing prayer was led by Father Randy. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for January 22nd in the back room of the Parish office.

## **School Commission Report** **11/06/12**

Letters requesting donations for the SGO are being sent out this week.

Rebecca Myers attended our meeting to share her experience. She moved here from Florida and shared with us the process of choosing St.Louis for her son. She also shared some of the marketing ideas from her previous school. We had an excellent meeting and came away with some new ideas.

We discussed our website and how it is not a good selling point for someone looking to come here. It is geared toward existing families. We are going to improve it.

### **From the Principal:**

1. Mrs. Kirschner and students went to WRBI to talk about Kyle Jolly Night and Red Ribbon Week.
2. The preschool paraded around SLS in their Halloween costumes. Preschool parents attending the party were walking around SLS with them.
3. I made a presentation on vouchers and SGO's to my Catholic Schools Week Committee. CSW just happens to be the same week as National School Choice Week. I asked them to think of ways to incorporate these programs into the week.
4. A group has been formed to work towards a one-to-one initiative at SLS. The goal is to achieve one-to-one for the 2013-14 school year.
5. The Chinese students finished their time at SLS. Their last day was 10/26/12.
6. I dealt with a bus issue on 11/05 that required me to meet with a bus driver. What is significant about this situation is what the bus driver said to me as we were saying good-bye. He said, "The kids from this school (SLS) are much more well-behaved and respectful than the other schools I go to."
7. The 2012 SLS Speech Team had a great day at the deanery competition! SLS was the only competing school to receive all blue ribbons, and brought home the team trophy! Stella Hillenbrand was the trophy winner in the serious category. Sophie Brown and Kate Poltrack received the trophy for the duet category. Other serious category members were GiGi Dreyer and Chelsie Walsman. Humorous category members were Marigrace Anderson, Emily Koch, and Sarah Preston. Our other duet was Hanna Hurm and George

Ritter. Congratulations to all team members and coach Miss Kushman for representing SLS and making us proud!

8. The student council Kyle Jolly Night raised over \$900 for the Jolly's medical expenses.
9. The All-Souls' Day procession was done very well according to people I heard from. One small issue; on the way to and from the cemetery leaves along a sidewalk on Mulberry were messed up. There was little room because the leaves were partially on the sidewalk and bushes were on the other side. So it was not kids being naughty, just 400 people trying to pass through a small space. Mrs. Brooks, six students, and I walked back over later and raked the leaves back up.

## Financial Update

*Fiscal 2011/2012*

St. Louis Parish ended the fiscal year with the following:

	Plan	Actual	Variance
Revenue	\$2.79M	\$2.75M	(\$40,000)
Expense	\$2.81M	\$2.75M	\$60,000
			\$20,000

The year finished \$20,000 favorable to plan, due to lower expenses. Revenue was short of plan due to lower collections and tuition, which were slightly offset by other donations and increased bingo revenue.

The year ended with cash on hand of \$605k, the ADLF restricted accounts have a balance of \$456k, and the Hilliard Lyons main, technology, and operating accounts have balances of \$1.2M, \$370k, and \$150k, respectively, for a total asset balance of \$2.78M. This balance is up \$180k from one year ago.

*Fiscal 2012/2013 – Quarter One (July – September)*

	Plan	Actual	Variance
Revenue	\$635k	\$675k	(\$40,000)
Expense	\$726k	\$704k	\$22,000
			\$18,000

The quarter finished \$18,000 favorable to plan, due to higher than planned tuition; which is due to timing, not increased enrollment. Expenses were slightly higher than plan due to expenses related to cemetery repairs and boiler replacement costs.

There is no material change to the balance sheet from the end of the fiscal year.

## **Finance Committee Update**

Other activities:

We purchased a home adjacent to the parish property, allowing us to continue our strategy of selectively acquiring property next to the grounds as they become available. The cost was \$70,000 and was paid out of the gaming account. Additionally, there are some continued costs associated with replacing the boiler system. The finance committee has moved to a meeting schedule of every other month.