

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

PRESENT

Father Joe		Thilda Orrico	Joseph P. Pintar	Ronald Jerominek
Joseph Bolton	Terena Ball	Wanda Gregory	Dennis Thompson	Henry McCann
Wendy Colburn	Steve Alessandrini	John Grygiel	Mary Joan Foresti	
Mary Hernon				

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Sr. Martha	John Nobles	Rich Kimball	Francis Behlmer	John Lanz
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I. Opening Prayer

Steve Alessandrini opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Sang "Where Charity and Love Prevail," vs 1-3. Mary Hernon volunteered to be secretary. Fr. Joe thanked Ron Jerominek for his time as secretary.

II. Reading / Approval Minutes

The June 10, 2008 council minutes were read and approved by Joe Bolton and seconded by Dennis Thompson.

III. Welcome of New Members

Steve Alessandrini introduced everyone to the new parish council members Mary Hernon and Wendy Colburn.

IV. Roof/Sidewalk Report

John Grygiel reported the roof is 99% finished, still waiting on screens, holding check until then. Sidewalks look great and are complete.

V. Credit Options

Moved until next month. Dennis Thompson questioned a trial run. Need to educate parishioners. Work in progress.

VI. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Mary Jo Foresti, Dennis Thompson, and Joseph Bolton volunteered to be on the committee.

VII. Projects for 2008-2009

Endowment - Frank not here, defer until next month. John Grygiel said a letter is going out in a few days and a survey will be included at the end of the letter. We did survey awhile ago but the totals are not correct. 1,200 parishioners receive church envelopes and about 500 use them. Henry McCann questioned calling people to find out if they are parishioners or not. Received 400 for Hope Appeal. Joe Bolton suggested we put census cards in church by the door, so they can fill them out.

May Crowning - Thilda said we need a backup, only one person showed up.

First Holy Communion is May 3, 2009.

Youth Events include Youth Mass (Joe Fariello was in charge).

Fr Joe stated that \$4600 was collected for Sr. Lynn for clothes and supplies. Mary Hernon and her family helped stuff backpacks.

New Parishioners Gathering: need someone to be in charge which will be in January '09 after the 10:30

Mass. Joe Pintar suggested changing the time. Wendy Colburn mentioned she is a new parishioner and

enjoyed the gathering. She said she would help out but not chair the event.

Coffee & Cookie Social: Fr Joe said Sr. Martha will make up a schedule.

VIII. Parish Picnic: Fr Joe said Dennis Thompson did a great job for three years. Plans are in the works for having the picnic in July instead of September. Dennis said people complained about having it in New York Mills. Dennis also said he had help with games which helped out a lot.

IX. Other Issues.

Mary Jo Foresti thanked Steve Alessandrini about the website: it looks good.

John Grygiel regarding the newsletter: he commented about articles on Thilda and Sr. Lynn. People seem to like reading about them. Suggested maybe putting it in the center of the bulletin.

X Open Forum

Joe Pintar: Fr Bernard coming was a very important cause. Thanks for the prayers for his Aunt in Wisconsin who suffered a stroke.

Mary Jo Foresti: Welcome new parish council members.

Wendy Colburn: Thanks to Wanda Gregory for all her help.

Henry McCann: census to pursue. Welcome Mary & Wendy

Joe Bolton: Welcome Wendy Colburn and Mary Hernon

Terena Ball: John Grygiel if you need help with census let me know.

John Grygiel: The Sunday accountant, Jack Hart, is retiring early and we need a person to help with the Sunday envelopes. Also, still looking for an accountant for Lenny. He will stay on until needed.

Dennis Thompson: Hospitality is having fall dinner. Dennis wants to chair a party for Lenny and his co-workers when he retires for good.

Steve Alessandrini: If you want to see changes to the website let him know. Welcome Mary and Wendy.

Fr Joe: Steve Alessandrini did a good job running the meeting. Welcome new parish council members.

XI Closing prayer: Sang song "Where Charity and Love Prevail", vs 4 & 5.

XII Next meeting: Tuesday October 14, 2008 at 7pm.