

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Council Meeting August 27th, 2009

Stephanie Ritger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Guy Gurath led the opening prayer. All council members were present except for Dan Bushard and Fr. Fleischman. Others present were Barb Bichler, Dennis Dimmer, Dr. Rick Erickson, Louise Feider, Peter Feider, Al Feyereisen, Rosemary Feyereisen, Herman Feyereisen, Gene Glander, Deb Hamm, Bev Jacoby. The minutes of the July 23rd, 2009 meeting were reviewed and amended. A motion was made by Gary Feider to approve the amended minutes. Becky Swanson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Guest Comments: Dr. Erickson spoke on the transition on the Childcare center into the school building and treating it along with the school and the Religious Ed as one entity. Dennis Dimmer said thank you for repairs on the pipes at the St. Nicholas chapel. The sound has improved. Bev Jacoby questioned the status of the sign at the cemetery in Cascade. Gene Glander spoke about the decision on the heating system including the relocation of the water lines.

Announcements & Calendars: The calendar for September 2009 was reviewed.

Prayer & Worship Committee: Confirmation has been set for May 22, 2010 2:00 pm at Holy Cross with Bishop Callahan presiding. Next meeting October 10th, 2009.

Human Concerns Committee: Next meeting September 2009.

School Committee Update: There will be a brat fry September 4th at Cedar Valley Cheese from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. Two teachers attended a multi-age training session at Alverno College.

Child Care Advisory Committee: The change in ages did affect the number enrolled. Since then, the decision has been made to continue to provide the service to ages 6 weeks and up. One director has chosen to leave, and the other has taken a position as a teacher within the school. Dr. Erickson will be the acting director. He is confident that the teachers, along with him, see this as a good enrollment tool. He does hope that we will be as excited as he is for the upcoming year. The child care center will be ready to go on Monday August 31st, 2009. The May 21st, 2009 minutes show that the childcare will be redeveloped beginning with ages 2 ½, potty trained, and up. Licensing continues to allow for ages 6 weeks and up. The council has reviewed the decision by Dr. Erickson to allow ages 6 weeks and up into the childcare center. Dr. Erickson made the decision based on the current license. Since the state license allowed 6 weeks and up staffing requirements. The council accepted his decision. The council will review the decision in 3 months.

Christian Formation Committee: There was a planning meeting on August 19th.

Finance Update: Financial reports for July 2009 were reviewed. Motion to approve by James Steffen, second by John Buhler. The Archdiocesan Financial statement was reviewed. Motion to approve by James Steffen, second by Joe Birenbaum, motion approved.

Building & Grounds: Next Meeting September 15th, 2009. Peter Feider presented the findings from the subcommittee. A recommendation from the committee to authorize the use of a structural engineer to more thoroughly investigate the findings from the local firms. Three firms were recommended. The council will review the information for the September 2009 meeting.

Tri-Parish Planning Meeting: No meeting; next meeting has not yet been set. Deb Ham presented on Fr. Tom Sweetser. More information can be found at www.pepparish.org

Pastor's Report: Fr. Guy spoke on the high hopes for the upcoming school year. He feels that the move of the childcare center to the school building was a good move. It is a blessing to have the Luxembourg Cultural center so close to this area. The Ad hoc Communications committee meeting was productive, but there is much more to

do. He spoke to the Capuchins about their possible interest in using the Dacada site, and at this time, it does not appear that they would be interested in that site.

Faith In The Future: A donation of \$1,000 was made to Sr. Jo Klas from the Faith in the Future funds. A reminder will be made soon to follow up with those who have not yet donated.

Old Business: The sign in Cascade for the cemetery will be up before the September 2009 council meeting. The proof for the parish directory arrived and was reviewed. Several changes were made, and it is anticipated that the revisions and next proof will be in soon.

Deb Hamm and Lowell Barrington each briefly spoke on the use of a parish director. This is a topic that would be able to be pursued at the time a new religious leader would be appointed.

New Business: The Council had a short discussion on the way to handle Mass if Father is late, or unable to attend. Deb Hamm suggested that we prepare a formal document on the way to handle the situation. The document would be available in the Sacristy.

The preliminary Annual Report was reviewed. The annual meeting is scheduled for November 8th, 2009 following the Mass in Random Lake.

Stephenie reported that good progress is being made for the Fall Festival. This year's festival will be October 4th, 2009 from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

A discussion on alternate ways of donating were discussed (auto withdrawal, online donation, CC authorization) Deb Hamm with speak to Fredonia on the topic.

Lowell Barrington made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m John Buhler seconded the motion. Motion carried. Becky Swanson will prepare the prayer for the next meeting, which will be determined at a later date that will be most accommodating to the Tri Parish council

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Jacoby, Secretary