

ST. MARTIN'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

St. Martin's Parish Council met on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:35 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Members present: Father Anthony Chandler, Nick Powers (Chairperson), Debbie Foushee, Tom Foushee, Lisa Hobbs, Jerry Lancaster, Roselle Muse, Anita Seymour, and Deacon John Richard Whelan.

Members absent: Regina Bennett, Deacon Bob Caspar, Elaine Vowels, Daphne Whelan, and Youth Representative.

Others present: Secretary: Barbara Muncy.

Opening: Father Chandler opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:35 p.m. and called the meeting to order. The minutes from the August 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Debbie made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Anita seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written. Nick was unanimously elected as council chairperson with Anita as alternate chairperson. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Worship Committee: Roselle Muse. A keyboardist/organist is needed two weekends a month. This will be a paid position. Cantors and help with funeral masses are also needed. Please contact Roselle or the parish office if you know someone who would be interested.

Administration Committee: Jerry Lancaster.

- The first parish work day on September 11 was successful. The second work day is scheduled for October 16. The third work day is scheduled for November 13.
- On September 11 the stage floor was removed and replaced. A decision has not been made whether to install tile, carpet, etc. New bathrooms will be installed on the same level as the gym floor with handicap accessibility. The process is underway.
- Priorities for the October 16 work day were discussed which includes work in the gym, removing ceiling tiles in the cafeteria and removing posts and wires from around the new trees. Debbie and Lisa will be in charge of the food. The meal will be in the parish hall. Everyone will meet in the gym first.
- On the November 13 the church grounds will be cleaned up. Removing fallen tree limbs and clearing the leaves are the priorities.
- Three new water meters are being installed to replace the old meters which are very old. Recently there have been some water leaks.

DRE Report: Father Chandler gave the report for Regina.

- Confirmation is scheduled on May 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
- There were 12 candidates enrolled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 9:00 a.m. mass on October 10. There are 13 students in the class. One has already been confirmed. A sponsor/candidate meeting is scheduled on November 3 at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- Religious Education began on August 25. The fifth and sixth grades have had one youth ministry night with Regina Bennett and one mentoring night with the seventh grade class, led by Gloria Ritter. Both were very successful. Drop-in nights have been added to the calendar for the high school classes. The Freshman retreat is scheduled November 6 and 7. There are several high school students and college aged young adults working this retreat.
- The second graders are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which will be held on December 1.

- Family Fun Night will be held on October 27. This is an evening for parents and students. Activities are being planned for K through grade 4. Grades 5 and 6 have decided to have a youth ministry night. Grades 7 through 12 will be Trick or Treating for canned goods.
- RCIA classes began on September 21. There are 9 candidates. Classes are held at St. Martin's until January then they will move to St. John's. The Easter Vigil mass will be at St. Martin's.
- Renew – Why Catholic training has begun. Renew is scheduled to begin during Lent 2011. Groups will meet during the day and at night.
- The next Formation Committee meeting will be held on November 11, 2010.

Old Business/Finances: Father Chandler.

- A construction and renovation projects guideline from the Archdiocese was discussed. The guideline provides the current Archdiocese policies and procedures for parish projects.
- Collections for the first quarter are down approximately \$720.00. Financially the parish is okay.
- Bids were sent to the Archdiocese on October 5 for approval concerning renovations to the gym. Replacing the windows and doors and painting will start when the approval has been received.
- The parish has received \$56,000 from the Building A Future of Hope Campaign with a portion going to cover parish expenses from the campaign.
- A CSA report from the Archdiocese is expected soon.
- The parish sent \$1,200.00 for their annual mission donation to a church in Savannah, Georgia.
- Father Chandler has been appointed to the Priest Council to replace Bishop Medley. His first meeting will be on October 14.
- The new steps in front of the church made carrying the casket into the church easier for the funeral of Johnny Mitchell.
- Father Chandler welcomed Lisa Hobbs and Tom Foushee to the parish council.

Closing: Anita made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tom seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. **The next meeting will be held on November 30, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.**

Submitted by: Barbara Muncy, Secretary