

## ST. MARTIN'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

St. Martin's Parish Council met on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 6:35 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

**Members present:** Father Anthony Chandler, Debbie Foushee, Tom Foushee, Lisa Hobbs, Anita Seymour, Elaine Vowels, Daphne Whelan, and Deacon John Richard Whelan.

**Members absent:** Regina Bennett, Deacon Bob Caspar, Jerry Lancaster, Roselle Muse, Nick Powers (Chairperson), and Youth Representative.

**Others present:** Secretary: Barbara Muncy.

**Opening:** Father Chandler called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes from the November 30, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Daphne made a motion to approve the minutes and Tom seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as written. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Administration Committee: Jerry Lancaster.** Absent. Father Chandler gave his report.

-The roof on the religious education/school building has been finished. The skylights have been removed and new lights will be installed.

- The air conditioner in the rectory upstairs has quit working and will need to be replaced. Installing a new air conditioner is being checked out.

- The roof on the rectory and some of the rooms in the rectory will be painted.

- The renovation of the gym was discussed.

A handicap ramp and canopy are needed at the lower side gym door.

The gym floor has been sanded and will be closed while the floor is finished. It will take approximately a week to finish the floor. Insurance money is covering the cost of repairs to the floor.

The next item for the gym is a warming kitchen. The parish council unanimously approved proceeding with completing the kitchen. Cabinets and appliances from the rectory are being recycled for the kitchen. There is money in the building fund to pay for finishing the gym.

The doors for the gym have arrived and will be installed after the floor has been completed.

The windows are being installed and will be finished with the doors.

Plastic will be placed under the gym to protect the floor from moisture damage.

**Service Committee: Elaine Vowels.** There have been no funerals since the last meeting.

**Worship Committee: Roselle Muse.** Absent. No report.

**DRE Report: Regina Bennett.** Absent due to family illness. Father Chandler gave her report.

- First Eucharist for the second grade students includes classroom instruction with Kim Whelan and Gloria Ritter. On January 19 a parent-student meeting is scheduled.

- Confirmation preparation continues with Catechists, Lauren Caster and Jackie Smith Rose. Confirmation will be held on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Martin's Church.
- The Adult RCIA candidates and catechumens are now meeting at St. John's on Tuesday nights. The children continue to meet with Sister Lydia, Gloria Ritter or Regina Bennett for their instruction. The Rite of Election at the Cathedral is scheduled for March 12 at 11:00 a.m.
- Adult Formation: Why Catholic? Information handouts were given to parishioners as they left church last weekend. More information will follow in the form of handouts, bulletin announcements and team member messages. This study/prayer group will be an asset to all of us as it helps us to strengthen our individual relationship with God, renew our understanding of our Catholic identity, and as we form new relationships with each other in our parish community. Sign-ups will be held at the weekend masses the weekend of February 19/20. Groups will begin meeting the week of March 6.
- Several volunteers from St. Martin's and St. John's will be attending the training for becoming Annulment Auditors on January 20.
- National Vocation Awareness Week was held January 9-15. Because Religious Education classes and Youth Ministry Gatherings were cancelled during this week, we will have instruction on vocations on January 19. The Religious Education students will be saying a Pro-Life prayer and praying for our friends and neighbors who will be making the pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the March of Life.
- Numerous DVD's were purchased for Children's Formation. New pamphlets on a variety of subjects were also purchased and will be placed in the back of church. Prayer cards for children and adults can also be picked up in the back of church or in the Religious Formation and Education Office.
- A member from the Board of Education for St. James Catholic Schools will be speaking before masses at the end of January. Additional information will be inserted with the bulletin and pamphlets will be available in the back of church.
- Lenten resource materials are being reviewed and will be purchased in a few weeks.

**New Business: Father Chandler.**

- Father Luc from the Brothers of Good Shepherd will be at St. Martin's the weekend of April 2/3 for the annual Mission Appeal.
- Work continues on the church buildings and grounds. Money from the Building a Future of Hope Campaign will be utilized for repairs needed to the church.
- The next parish focus will be on faith formation. The four areas for faith formation involve faith, social, activity, and fellowship. As Catholics we should be sharing more about our faith.
- A change concerning the focus for Religious Education was discussed. More about scripture and youth involvement is needed.
- The parish is doing good financially.
- Several requests to use the gym for wedding receptions have been received. The parish council tabled discussion of rental fees/procedures for gym usage and purchase of tables/chairs until the next meeting.
- The parking lot will not be marked except for handicap/hearse parking.

**Closing:** Lisa made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Debbie seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. **The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.** Father closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by: Barbara Muncy, Secretary