

Minutes of the Meeting for St. Theresa's Parish Council on October 25, 2006

Present: Ed Buekers, Barb Burke, Sheila Ernst, Ralph Handley, Maria Hayes, Elmer Ottney, Holly Parzych, Jen Reichenberg, Jim Schneider, Sister Ruth Warejko, and Msgr. Williamson.

Absent: Pat Buczek and Richard Forrestel

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Barbara Burke. The opening prayer was led by Holly Parzych.

The minutes of the September 27th meeting were read and approved.

Old Business

- 1.) The idea of a parish interest survey was discussed. Jen shared the plan with the Council. Members were asked to review the survey and email suggestions to Jen. It was also suggested that the survey be placed in the bulletin soon.
- 2.) The Constitution and By-laws were discussed. Jen Reichenberg volunteered and was appointed to be the Vice President of the Parish Council and Maria Hayes volunteered and was appointed to be the Secretary of the Parish Council.
- 3.) The idea of a Parish Newsletter was discussed. We decided that the different groups involved with our Parish must be told about the newsletter. These groups included but were not limited to:
 - The Salt and Light Organization
 - The Women's Guild
 - The Knights of Columbus
 - The Ushers

We also discussed ideas for different sections of the newsletter. Some ideas that were suggested were:

- Pastor's Column
- Human Interest survey (revised version)
- Parenting Corner
- Youth
- Books for Tots
- Questions and Answers
- Teacher Feature for Religious Education
- Calendar of Events

It was also suggested that a different group would be featured each month. A tentative date for the final collection of articles was set for December 15th. It was also suggested that the last day someone could submit an article would be the 15th day of the month prior to the month the newsletter would come out.

- 4.) Ed made a report on the Buildings and Grounds. He stated that during the last meeting the group identified the different projects. He also reported that at the next meeting, the projects will be categorized and prioritized.
*It was suggested that meetings from subcommittees should be submitted in a written form to the Council and placed into a book.

New Business

- 1.) An Attendance Policy for the Parish Council was suggested. It was also suggested that an attendance policy for the Parish Council should be addressed in the by-laws of the Constitution.

Communications

- 1.) Jen reported on the Respect Life Weekend. Each member of the Council received a sheet of paper containing the statistics of the Respect Life Weekend.
- 2.) Sister Ruth reported that she was still trying to reschedule the Confirmation retreat. She also reported that there are currently 275 children enrolled in the Religious Education program.
- 3.) Ralph reported on the Membership Drive the Knights of Columbus did the weekend before. He also reported that the Knights will help the Women's Guild with the Thanksgiving Baskets.
- 4.) It was also mentioned that the Salt and Light group would be delivering plants to the shut-ins.

Msgr. Williamson led the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM