

**Church of the Most Holy Trinity
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2011**

- The Parish Council meeting was opened with prayer and called to order by Father Kavanaugh.

- The minutes for January 25, 2011, were reviewed with two adjustments or corrections:
 1. The Pro-Life Prayer Service for Roe vs. Wade Anniversary at Planned Parenthood was well attended by MHT parishioners. Many MHT parishioners rode the Augusta Deanery bus to the March for Life in Washington.
 2. The second adjustment is that the date of the closure of Immaculate Conception Church is questioned, the minutes states that it was closed in the early 1970s. G. Brown, the Diocese of Savannah Archivist, said that the last Mass at Immaculate Conception Church was July 4, 1971.

- **Committee Reports:**
 1. **Buildings and Grounds - Richard Stuhler**
 - a. The outer doors to the convent, Redwood Drive, have been replaced. The doors were provided by the Knights of Columbus.
 - b. A church clean-up day has been planned for February 26.
 - c. Two estimates have been obtained by Bob Meismer for reserving and repairing the church windows: \$102,000 and a highly skilled local company can do the work for \$5300 per window at a total cost of \$74,000.
 - d. Grant writers are needed to write grants for the school and church repairs.
 - e. Funds are needed to replace a kitchen window at the convent.
 - f. Dick suggests that we seek a contract of a commercial realtor to assist in disposing of the old Laney-Walker property.
 - g. The rectory needs many repairs and unless funds are available soon, we may be unable to salvage the house. One option is to put the house on the market as is and hope for a fair offer.
 - h. Father Kavanaugh stated that a Preservation Committee has been formed for the church.

 2. **Education – Joe Prouty**
 - a. The Confirmation Retreat will be March 6.
 - b. The Youth Group recently attended the Diocesan Youth Conference.
 - c. The Family Lenten Fair will be March 6 during Faith Formation and will feature a reenactment of The Last Supper.
 - d. Bible School registration will be March 26 and 27. Families will be offered a \$10 discount for early registration.
 - e. First Reconciliation, Parents Retreat, and Reception will be February 26. The next Education Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m.
 - f. The Wednesday Evening Adult Education schedule for March is as follows:

March 2 - Tasters Festival: March 9 - Ash Wednesday (No Program): March 16 - How the Irish Saved Civilization: March 23 - Msgr. O'Neill, Augusta Parish Amalgamation

- g. **Immaculate Conception Report - John Pike**
 - a. Forty-seven students have preregistered for 2011-2012 whereas twenty-five had pre-registered at this time last year for 2010-2011.
 - b. The Immaculate Conception Alumni will be raffling a car in April, 2011.
3. **Christian Service - No Reports**
4. **Liturgy - Father Kavanaugh**
 - a. Our Diocese of Savannah is preparing for the New Roman Missal that will be ready for the first Sunday of Advent 2011. The major changes are for the Priests. New Missals will have to be purchased for the church for the Mass and scripture text. More emphasis on the new missal will be started in August and September of this year.
 - b. No information from Bishop Boland on the implementation of the Extraordinary Form of Mass at Holy Trinity.
 - c. The feedback for the Glenn and Linda Harmon Parish Mission indicated 95% positive comments.
 - d. Ash Wednesday services will be March 9 at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
4. **Parish Life - Rebecca**
 - a. The Time and Talent Fair was successful with 16 ministries with booths and MANY volunteer sign up cards still coming in.
 - b. The Taster's Festival, hosted by the Council of Catholic Women, will be March 2 in St. Patrick Hall. A St. Patrick's Day Basket of Cheer will be raffled by the ladies of the Council of Catholic Women on March 17.
 - c. A Mardi Gras Party has been planned for March 5.
 - d. The committee is planning a volunteer seminar for ministries in the future.
 - e. A Meet and Greet for teachers and Catechist is scheduled for March 16.
 - f. Car and window decals for *Catholic's Come Home* and Parish Pride are available for purchase.
 - g. Summer Fellowship Gatherings are planned for weekend Masses with a rotation for different Masses.
5. **Stewardship - Francine Bailey**
 - a. The committee is focusing on their goals and purpose for effectiveness.
6. **Finance - Debbie DeRoller**
 - a. An overview of the parish finances was provided for the council. An additional item, #1350, has been added due to a change in the property value.
 - b. Father stated that the collections for January, 2011 were up because we had 5 weekends in the month.

- c. Rental income is up due to rent from the convent. Property will be the parishes after April 2011. Currently, it is part of the estate of Joyce Culpepper.
- d. Our utility bills for this winter have been slashed to one-half the cost as last year.
- e. Payments to the diocese for the assessment tax and property insurance began January, 2011.

- **Ministry Reports**

- 1. **African-American Ministry - No Report**

- 2. **The Knights of Columbus - Dick Stuhler**

- a. The Knights will have a bartender at the Mardi Gras Party on March 5.
- b. The first Fish Fry for Lent 2011 will be Friday, March 11 in St. Patrick Hall. The ladies of the CCW are pleased to contribute time to help with the parish-wide event.

- 3. **Pro-Life - Paul Rowan**

- a. The 40 Days for Life Campaign will begin March 9, Ash Wednesday. Visit 40 Days for Life - Augusta website www.40daysforlife.com/augusta to sign-up or contact Paul Rowan or John Peduto.
- b. A Pro-Life Essay and Oratory Contest for High School students, sponsored by the Greater Augusta Chapter of Georgia Right to Life, has been made available for local students. Deadline for entries is April 1. The contests will be April 19.

- 4. **Council of Catholic Women - Helen Jenkins**

- a. The CCW is sponsoring the Annual Taster's Festival March 2 in St. Patrick Hall at 6:00 p.m. All are invited.
- b. The CCW will be raffling baskets for St. Patrick Day to benefit council projects.

- **Old Business - Father Kavanaugh**

- 1. Father is accepting recommendations from the council and parishioners-at-large for names of persons suggested for a Strategic Planning Committee for Immaculate Conception.
- 2. Father Lubinsky is doing better and is getting some rest.
- 3. We will have visiting priests to help with weekend Masses.

- The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

- Father Kavanaugh closed the meeting with prayer.

Attendance:

Father Kavanaugh	Kathy Turner	Kathie Johnson
Michele Hill	JoAnne Cook	Jonathan Pike
Richard Stuhler	Karl Stevens	Amy Peduto
Barbara M. Hicks	Francine Bailey	Joe Prouty
Debbie DeRoller	Rebecca Quinn Shelt	Paul Rowan
Scott Weinand	Leroy Williams	Nelson Parris
Dea. Elmore G. Butler		