

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Church of the Most Holy Trinity
September 21, 2010**

- Father Kavanaugh opened the meeting with prayer and a scripture. Kurt Eyrick called the meeting to order.
- It was moved by JoAnn Cook and seconded by Amy Peduto to accept the minutes for July 20, 2010, as submitted.
- Kurt Eyrich welcomed an appointed parishioner, Dick Stuhler, to the Parish Council.

Committee Reports:

- **Building and Grounds - Leroy Williams and Dick Stuhler**
 - a. The church exterior wood needs to be painted. The repair work will be addressed at a later date.
 - b. Bob Meismer, maintenance person, will mow the lawns on the three properties, the church, Parish Center, and the rectory.
- **Education - Rebecca Quinn Shelt**
 - a. 150 students have registered for Faith Formation 2010-2011. A text book named *Call to Faith* will be used again this year. The first day for Faith Formation will be September 12.
 - b. Rebecca recently had a Catechist In-Service Day and additional days will be scheduled.
 - c. "Touching Safety Program" will be offered through the month of October.
 - d. There will be a Youth Ministry meeting on October 6.
 - e. The Confirmation Class will have a Rope Course at Bishop Gravatt Center on October 16.
 - f. The diocese sponsored a Catholic Come Home Retreat Day, September 11, at St. Mary on the Hill. Additional information on the program will be available soon.
 - g. Rebecca Quinn Shelt, Catholic Come Home contact person, will speak to the parish at the Wednesday Pot Luck November 3 at 7:00 p.m. about the program. Everyone is urged to attend.
- **Christian Service - Barbara Hicks**
 - a. The Bereavement Committee served 60 family members for a Repast September 15 in St. Patrick Hall.
- **Liturgy - Father Kavanaugh**
 - a. Father has been informed that the Extraordinary Form of Mass will be offered here in the future with Father Gaspar Hedgus preparing and saying the Mass.
 - b. A Priest Appreciation Dinner will be on evening of October 24 at St. Mary on the Hill.

- c. Our Annual Parish Picnic will be October 24 at Pendleton King Park and talent is needed.
- **Parish Life - Rebecca**
 - a. Our Annual Parish Picnic date has been changed to October 24. Volunteers with trucks are needed for hauling goods to Pendleton King Park. Mass will begin at 12:30 p.m. followed by the picnic in the main pavilion (across from the Hydrangea Garden). The Knights of Columbus will provide hamburgers and hot dogs; the Council of Catholic Women will provide beverages. Parishioners are asked to bring a covered dish and a blanket or chair. The Youth group will provide activities and entertainment.
 - b. The Stained Glass Lecture has been changed to October 31.
 - c. A Hospitality Committee will be formed to support and welcome new parishioners and Catholic's Coming Home.
 - d. The first Wednesday of every month a parish ministry will be highlighted with a 2-minute presentation about the ministry.
 - e. More volunteers are needed for the Soup Kitchen to prepare and serve lunch the third Wednesday of every month.
 - f. All ministries are encouraged to submit articles and pictures for the monthly newsletter. The deadline for articles to appear in the next month's newsletter is the 15th of the month before.
 - g. All parish life inquires can be made to Rebecca Shelt in the parish office at ext. 314.
 - **Finance - Debbie Young DeRoller**
 - a. Debbie gave an overview of the current finances.
 - b. Father Kavanaugh stated that the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, as are all non-profits, are advised by auditors to have more internal control over finances.
 - c. Several budget cuts have been made which will total about \$100,000 and they are:
 - 1. We will no longer use a contract yard service to maintain our grounds as Bob Meismer will mow the church, rectory, and the Parish Center: Barbara's Cleaning will be replaced by individuals who will clean the church: Faith Direct will be replaced with a less expensive program which will do the same job: We will no longer purchase Altar flowers weekly; rather, parishioners will be encouraged to make offerings of flowers: the Youth Department will use volunteers to help with the ministry work and Rebecca will assume the role of Youth Coordinator.
 - 2. The surplus funds collected will be used to pay off our debts.
 - d. The sale of the old school property will be used to pay off the renovation debt incurred when the school relocated to 811 Telfair Street.
 - **Youth - Rebecca Quinn Shelt**
 - a. The youth group meets on Wednesdays for activities and other special events.
 - b. A volunteer youth assistant is helping with Wednesday night activities. A fundraiser for the Youth Ministry has been planned for the fall. They will be selling Advent Wreaths, Advent Candles and Prayer books.

- **Bicentennial - Father Kavanaugh**
 - a. The Bicentennial Mass was September 10. One-hundred persons attended the Gala on September 11 at the Augusta Country Club.
 - b. The future Bicentennial events are: 27 September, St. Vincent de Paul Mass and dinner: 31 October, the crypt will be open for tours after the 12:15 Mass: 31 October, Stained Glass Window lecture followed by Tea in St. Patrick Hall: 13 November, lecture by Dr. James O'Toole about the Healy family and his book "Passing for White" in St. Patrick Hall: 5 December, Advent Lessons and Carols at 4:00 p.m.
 - c. A trust fund has been set-up for the funds that were not used for the Bicentennial events.

Ministry Reports:

- **Immaculate Conception - JoAnn Cook**
 - a. Ninety-five students are currently enrolled at Immaculate Conception. Thirty-five families are Catholic and thirty-four families are Most Holy Trinity's parishioners.
 - b. The PTO served Coffee and Donuts to IC parents Friday morning, September 17.
 - c. The new IC Alumni Association met on October 9. By-laws will be written for the group. A Meet and Greet has been scheduled for November 12 for former IC graduates, former students, and supporters in St. Patrick Hall.
- **Knights of Columbus - Leroy Williams**
 - a. The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive will be October 1st and 2nd at K-Mart. The funds will benefit Lyndale School for adults with limited abilities.
 - b. The John F. Kennedy Knights of Columbus is recruiting members.
- **Pro-Life - Paul Rowan**
 - a. October is designated as Respect Life Month. Several activities have been planned: The Life Chain is October 3rd at 2:00 pm: The Living Rosary is October 3 at 6:45p.m. at Aquinas Stadium: the twentieth commemoration of Roe vs. Wade will be in January 2011. Two busses have been booked for a trip to Washington, DC, for the march: The first Tuesday of each month the Pro-Life group prays at the Planned Parenthood facility at 1289 Broad Street and afterwards attends the 12:15 Mass: All are invited.
- **Old Business - Father Kavanaugh**
 - a. The rectory roof is still leaking and in need of more repairs.
 - b. The Wycliffe Gordon Jazz concert has been canceled because of the artist's international flight schedule.
- **New Business - Father Kavanaugh**
 - a. Father suggested that the Parish Council members read the *Lumen Gentium* Chapter 5 - The Universal Call to Holiness. The document contains information that may be resourceful in choosing a theme for a mission retreat in 2011.
 - b. Father would like to have recommendations for the Gartland Awards for 2010. The names should be turned in to Father Kavanaugh before October 1.

- The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 26, 2010.

- **Attendance:**

Richard Stuhler
Barbara Hicks
Michele Hill (IC)
Nelson Parris
Kurt Eyrick

Leroy Williams
Amy Peduto
Debbie Young DeRoller
Scott Weinand
Paul Rowan

Francine Bailey
Joe Prouty
Kathy Turner (IC)
JoAnne Cook