

Church of the Most Holy Trinity
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2011

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

- It was moved by Joe Prouty and seconded by Richard Stuhler that the minutes be accepted as submitted with additions to the attendance list: Barbara Hicks was present: and Nelson Parris an excused absence.

- **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Buildings and Grounds - Richard Stuhler**
 1. The cleanup work on the church grounds for April was halted due to Inclement weather. The flowering trees on the church grounds have been mulched.
 2. The windows in the church are still being evaluated to determine the most cost effective way to have them repaired.
 3. The convent has several problem areas: removal of paint on back porch And repainting; the roof needs to be replaced which is not critical at this time.
 4. The rectory roof has been repaired and it is believed that the rectory might have a market value of about \$150,000, as is, for disposal purposes due to the many repairs that are needed.
 5. Several problems have been identified under the church that need to be addressed and repaired. The structure underneath the narthex has drain pipes that have rooted and need to be replaced.
Other wood is rotting and decaying in other areas. The ventilation and lighting under the church should be improved to prevent future damage. The Building and Grounds Committee recommend that we should have a structural engineer give us a full evaluation of the work that is needed under the church, combine the problems and determine a plan of action. The committee estimates the cost to be about \$174,000.

 - b. **Faith Formation - Joe Prouty**
 1. The FF Department is looking into a technology safety class for the parish for the 2011-2012 academic year.

2. Faith Formation will have Open House on the 1st Sunday of the new academic year, September 18.
3. Middle school leaders are needed for Wednesday nights and special events as volunteers.
4. Vacation Bible School is June 20-24 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and volunteers are needed.
5. Growth is needed in small and large group Adult Bible Study.
6. The Easter Egg Hunt was successful. The Easter Youth Choir sang at the 12:30 Mass. Seven members of the choir are Immaculate Conception students and 8 are children of parishioners.
7. Immaculate Conception has registered eighty students to date and 37 are Most Holy Trinity parishioners.
8. The Immaculate Conception Strategic Planning has had 1 meeting. The next meeting will be in May.
9. The alumni Car Raffle has netted to date \$8,100.
10. The \$20,000 Matching Grant is at \$18,000.
11. Mr. Pike addressed a 2009-2010 Demographic Data Plan that was collected to see how Immaculate Conception is rated with other schools in our Diocese of Savannah.

c. Christian Service - Barbara Hicks

1. The committee is interested in knowing if we still support our sister parish in Tbilisi and if we are still supporting Father Fortunatus' mission/school in Tanzania.
2. Father Kavanaugh stated that Toni and Bill Van Alstine have volunteered to organize the in-home/shut-in visits.

d. Liturgy - Father Kavanaugh

1. The musical settings for the new Roman Missal Translations will be introduced to the parish in September and October 2011 before Masses in order to be prepared for Advent. Dr. Nancy Sutton is searching for new hymnals. The cost is estimated to be \$50 each.
2. Bishop Boland has not responded to questions about liturgy.
3. Roman Missal Translation will be implemented the first week in Advent.
 - a. August Wednesday Nights will provide an introduction to the new translation.

b. Six weekends before implementations changes will be introduced (10 minute Congregational Choir Practice led by Dr. Sutton)

4. Extraordinary Form Mass

a. Cannot be taken on due to practicality/logistics being too much for all priests.

e. Parish Life - Rebecca Quinn Shelt

1. Workshops for managing and recruiting volunteers will be on May 12 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with dinner. Each parish committee's purpose will be identified along with the contact name of the committee/ministry chairs, the mission of each group and the mission statement for each sub-committee will be discussed.
2. The first Newcomers Reception will be May 15 in St. Patrick Hall after the 10:30 Mass. The invitation will be offered to all new Catholics who came in the church at the Easter Vigil as well as returning Catholics.
3. The church calendar planning for 2011-2012 will be in early June.
4. The Annual Parish Picnic will be Sunday, September 11 at Pendleton King Park.
5. The next Parish Life Committee meeting will be May 12.

f. Finance - Father Kavanaugh

1. Father Kavanaugh stated that a contract with the city of Augusta has been approved and signed by Bishop Boland for the sale of the old school property on Laney-Walker Boulevard. Bishop Boland has agreed to the profits, after expenses, will be given to the church.
2. Father addressed several concerns from parishioners about the finances of the school and church.
3. Debbie gave an updated report of the finances of the Church of the Most Holy Trinity.

g. Stewardship - Francine Bailey

1. Six members of the Stewardship Committee went to Raleigh, North Carolina for the Diocesan recommended Stewardship conference recently. The committee members paid their travel and hotel accommodation expenses.
2. The parish has contracted Our Sunday Visitor for a fall "Treasure Renewal" to raise treasure levels in our parish.

3. The committee sponsored a successful Seder Meal during Holy week.

h. Youth - No Report

- **Ministries**

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

- b. Knights of Columbus - Richard Stuhler**

1. The Knights provided an honor guard for the Easter Vigil.
2. The men have provided the majority of the work force for the Saturday cleanups.
3. The group has it 1st Degree Initiation April 25th and the 2nd Degree was April 26th in St. Patrick Hall.
4. The Grand Knight, Karl Stevens, will be attending the annual conference in Savannah this year to represent the group.
5. There has an increase in the participating K of C; however, more Knights are needed.

- c. Pro-Life - Paul Rowan**

1. 40 Days for Life was a success during Lent.
2. Pro-Life groups have been established at Augusta State University and Aquinas. The Aquinas Pro-Life team, Irish Fighting for Life, has planned a 100's for Life on May 4 at Planned Parenthood.
3. Father Frank Pavone of Priests for life, is scheduled to speak on August 19 at 7:00pm at the Georgia Right to Life-Augusta Chapter Annual Banquet at Aquinas.

- d. Council of Catholic Women - No Report**

- **New Business - Father Kavanaugh**

1. Father will accept nominations for the Parish Council for 2011-2012.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2011.
 - The meeting was adjourned.

- **Attendance:**

Rebecca Quinn Shelt
Richard Stuhler
Amy Peduto
Joe Prouty
Francine Bailey
Kathy Turner
Jon Pike
Father Kavanaugh

Debbie DeRoller
Paul Rowan
Barbara Hicks
Nelson Parris
Deacon Elmore Butler
Michele Hill
Kurt Eyrich
JoAnne Cook