

Church of the Most Holy Trinity
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2011

- The Parish Council meeting was opened with prayer by Father Kavanaugh and Kurt Eyrich called the meeting to order.
- It was moved by Richard Stuhler and seconded by Joe Prouty that the minutes be accepted as submitted.
- **Committee Reports:**
 1. **Buildings and Grounds - Richard Stuhler**
 - a. The February 26 clean-up at the church was a resounding success with many volunteers. The next clean-up will be at the rectory March 19. Volunteers are needed.
 - b. The convent downspouts have been cleaned. The roof needs to be replaced and it is hopeful that the work can be done using volunteer services.
 - c. It will be necessary to dispose of some properties, rectory and IC buildings that cause the parish to lose money with repairs.
 - d. A Boy Scout, who is working on an Eagle Badge, will be working in the front of St. Francis Hall painting, etc to earn hours for the badge.
 2. **Education - Joe Prouty**
 - a. The Youth Ministry will be making changes in 2011-2012 by adding programs, activities, etc. Fund raisers will be added for the next year.
 - b. The Family Honor Program is being researched.
 - c. Faith Formation and VBS registration will begin this weekend March 19 and 20.
 - d. Confirmation is April 14 at 7:00 p.m.
 - e. The Lenten Fair was great with a large attendance. Thanks to Nelson Parris for explaining the Last Supper in the Upper Room.
 - f. There will be 2 Immaculate Conception students baptized at the 9:15 a.m. Mass March 25. The students will have First Communion May 1 with the Most Holy Trinity class. Two Immaculate Conception students will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil.
 - g. Immaculate Conception has 61 students registered for the 2011-2012 year. The students will participate in the St. Patrick Day Parade.
 - h. The Immaculate Conception Alumni are selling tickets for a 2011 Hyundai Sonata GLS that will raffled in April. The tickets are \$50 each having already sold 300. After 400 tickets are sold, all tickets over that amount will be a profit for the school. Several ads will appear in various publications in the community to promote the raffle.
 3. **Christian Service - Barbara Hicks**

- a. A service project is under consideration called Uganda Spirit a not-for-profit corporation founded in 2006 in Aiken, South Carolina to help women and children with Aids. It costs \$600 per year to be a sponsor.
- 4. Liturgy - Father Michael Kavanaugh**
 - a. Priest's texts, hymnals and other materials will be ready for First Sunday of Advent, 2011.
 - b. There is no information available on the Extra Ordinary Form of Mass at Most Holy Trinity.
- 5. Parish Life - Rebecca Quinn Shelt**
 - a. Volunteer names of persons who signed up during the Time and Talent Fair have been distributed to various organization chairpersons. The next Parish Life Committee meeting will be March 22. This meeting will be a Managing and Volunteer Workshop for chairpersons.
 - b. The Mardi Gras celebration was a success with 60 tickets sold. Next year's Mardi Gras will be February 18, 2012.
 - c. The Communications Committee has had its first meeting. Advertising options to announce various parish functions is one of the goals of the committee.
- 6. Stewardship - Brain Gilmartin**
 - a. The Spring Stewardship Conference will be April 9 in Raleigh, NC. Representatives from Most Holy Trinity will be attending the conference.
 - b. A parish Treasure Renewal is planned for the fall 2011.
- 7. Finance - Father Kavanaugh**
 - a. The monthly Diocesan payments that began in January, 2011 are made monthly.
 - b. A substantial offer has been made for the old school property on Laney-Walker Boulevard.
- 8. Youth - Rebecca Quinn Shelt**
 - a. Young adult volunteers have been recruited to work with our youth.
 - b. Our youth group works with groups at St. Mary on the Hill and St. Teresa of Avila which gives the youth exposure to other activities with other youth in our Catholic community.
- **Ministries**
 - 1. African-American Ministry - No Report**
 - 2. Knights of Columbus - Richard Stuhler**
 - a. The Knights provided bartending for the Mardi Gras on March 5.
 - b. The second Lenten Fish Fry will be March 25.
 - c. A Low Country Boil will be planned for the fall 2011.
 - 3. Pro-Life - Paul Rowan**
 - a. The 40 Days for Life Campaign began on Ash Wednesday, March 9. Volunteers are needed.

- b. The first life was saved Monday, March 14.
- c. The Georgia Right to Life, Augusta Chapter, is sponsoring a Pro-Life Seminar Saturday, March 26 at Augusta State University.
- d. The Aquinas Pro-Life group is functioning with a full capacity.
- e. Family Honor questions could be directed to John Peduto.

- **Old Business - None**

- **New Business**

1. Father Kavanaugh will talk about how the “*Irish Saved American Civilization*” Wednesday, March 16 after the Wednesday Night Supper. Msgr. O’Neill will reflect on the Amalgamation of the 3 downtown parishes in the 1970s when he was pastor here at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity formerly St. Patrick on Wednesday, March 23 after Wednesday Night Supper.
2. The Interfaith Fellowship of Augusta will present a program on “*American Values - Religious Beliefs: Freedom, Equality, and Happiness,*” May 12 at First Baptist Church, 3500 Walton Way Extension. The community is invited.

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

Attendance:

Michele Hill
Richard Stuhler
Joe Prouty
Kurt Eyrich
Barbara Hicks

Kathy Turner
Paul Rowan
Scott Weinand
Fr. Kavanaugh

Leroy Williams
Francine Bailey
Rebecca Quinn Shelt
JoAnne Cook

Excused Absences: Amy Peduto: Nelson Parris