

**Church of the Most Holy Trinity  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 2011**

- The Parish Council meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Kavanaugh and called to order by Kurt Eyrich at 7:08.
- Changes to the previous minutes were made:
  - Buildings and Grounds Report "...drain pipes that have rotted under the church..."
  - Liturgy Report: Bishop Boland has not responded to questions about liturgy.
  - Finance Report: "...contract with Augusta Housing Authority has been approved and signed..."
- It was moved by Nelson Parris and seconded by Francine Bailey that the minutes be accepted after minor above changes were made.

**Parish Council Committee Reports**

**1. Buildings and Grounds (Richard Stuhler)**

- a. Protective coating on the stain glass windows (\$52, 000 vs.\$135, 000)
  - i. Augusta Historic Board must review
  - ii. Proposal: Schweitzer may do ONE window/proceed after that. Lowest price in town. Will do windows as the church can afford them.
  - iii. Looking into historical grants to help with the cost.
- b. Convent Study Group
  - i. Will evaluate the cost, best option for the future maintenance of the convent
  - ii. Thanks to K of C for generous convent upkeep
- c. Rectory roof has been repaired (\$5,000)

**2. Education(Joe Prouty)**

- a. Registration for VBS is now. Bring a friend and your first registration is \$5 instead of \$10.
- b. Trying to create Adult Faith Formation small group study opportunity: need volunteers and feedback as to where (house or church) when (time and day)
- c. Appreciation reception May 21 2-4 for all MHT and ICCS leaders
- d. Immaculate Conception School Update
  - i. 86 pre-registered (47 Catholic, 38 MHT, verbal promise from approx 12 who promise to register)
  - ii. School can hold 180-200 students at full capacity in current building
  - iii. Bottom heavy class in hopes that student will move up at ICCS
  - iv. Strategic Planning Group meeting
    - 1. Will meet again June 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 2. All members are parish OR school stakeholders

- 3. Will develop and resent a plan for the church and school
- v. Car Raffle Status (\$8950 due to contributions)
- vi. Matching Gift Status (\$19,000 + matching amount)

**3. Christian Service: No report**

**4. Liturgy (Father Kavanaugh)**

- a. Roman Missal Translation will be implemented the first week in Advent
  - i. August Wednesday Nights will provide an into to the new translation
  - ii. Six weekends before implementations changes will be introduced (10 minute Congregational Choir Practice led by Dr. Sutton)
- b. Extraordinary Form Mass
  - i. Cannot be taken on due to practicality/logistics being too much for all priests
- c. Suggested: Visitor/Newcomer Envelopes in pews

**5. Parish Life (Rebecca Shelt)**

- a. Workshops on recruiting and managing volunteers continues
- b. Planning June 2011 – May 2012 to avoid double booking
- c. Mission statements being written by each ministry for our Ministry handbook scheduled to come out in 2010

**6. Stewardship (Francine Bailey)**

- a. Fall Treasure Renewal planned
- b. Pulpit presentations will be made during this time.

**7. Finance (Father Kavanaugh)**

- a. Contract on Old IC Property is signed, waiting now for close, rezoning should not affect the contract
- b. Profit from property sale to come to parish on an 18-month old loan that parish has been paying interest on
- c. Budget is still in the works
  - i. There will be no increase in salaries.
  - ii. IC subsidy to decrease
  - iii. The only increases that will be made are things that cannot be prevented
- d. Father addressed parishioners concerns about committees/programs not getting the funds that they need for receptions and other activities.

**8. Youth (Scott Weinand)**

- a. New Volunteers

- i. Kylie Lucchesi will be the religion teacher for IC next year and MHT youth ministry
- ii. Andrew Murdison will be assisting with Youth Ministry

### **Ministry Reports**

#### **1. African American Ministry (JoAnne Cook)**

- a. Met 5-14: firmed calendar, discussed a fall fundraiser

#### **2. Knights of Columbus (Richard Stuhler)**

- a. Adopt a Classroom: <http://www.adoptaclassroom.org/>
- b. KoC will select a classroom and make contributions for the teacher to use and purchase much needed resources for the classroom. The teacher uses the credit to shop online from a network of affiliate vendors that have partnered with Adopt-A-Classroom.

#### **3. Pro-Life (Paul Rowan)**

- a. Recent rally held at the Women's Health Clinic had over 100 high school students, 30-40 adults + faculty members
- b. Aquinas students are networking on their own after the D.C. Pro-Life trip
- c. August 19<sup>th</sup> Banquet will be held at Aquinas, tickets are approx \$30

#### **4. Council of Catholic Women: No Report**

#### **Old Business (Father Kavanaugh)**

1. The Universal Call to Holiness: camp fliers will be in the bulletin, 70 spots for each camp, boys and girls 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade
2. Council Nominations received:
  - Gary Bate (A)
  - Brian Catto (P)
  - Susan Craig (A)
  - Brian Gilmartin (P)
  - Louis Hymel (A)
  - Nominations from Council: Jennifer O'Quinn, Dennis Kelps, Tim Bailey
  - Council elections May 28/29 and June 4/5
  - Tom Kiernan (P)
  - Karen Monaco (A)
  - Kevin Newhall (P)
  - Elfredia Philips (A)

#### **New Business (Father Kavanaugh)**

1. "Welcome to the Neighborhood" flyer
  - a. What on the reverse? Brief parish history? List of ministries and events
  - b. Will be revised
2. Washington, Baltimore, Emmitsburg Pilgrimage in the Spring of 2012
  - a. Thomas Kiernan will start to organize through a travel agent.
  - b. Possible 6-7 day pilgrimage

- c. More financially attainable to parish members than international pilgrimages

**Announcement (Father Kavanaugh)**

1. Summer Scripture Series: see flyer
  2. Father Aaron Pidel Mass of Thanksgiving: June 12 12:30 mass, reception to follow
  3. IFFA Program “American Values – Religious Beliefs: Freedom, Justice, and the Role of Faith” May12th at First Baptist... good attendance, very good presentation and Q&A
  4. Father Kavanaugh will be away 22 – 27 May
    - a. Benedictine Graduation Mass Homily in Savannah at his alma mater
    - b. NCCL Convention in Atlanta to teach a session “Beginning to Understand Islam”
  5. Tornado Relief collection will be taken up at masses the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup> /5th
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21 at 7pm
  - 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  
Amy Peduto  
Scott Weinand