

St. Ann's Parish Council Minutes
August 24, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jeff VanDeCastele at 7:10 pm
 - 1.1 Opening prayer was led by Msgr. Drake Shafer.
 - 1.2 Roll was taken by Secretary Christine Cauwels.
 - 1.3 Minutes from July meeting were approved with no amendments.
 - 1.4 Agenda was adopted with no amendments.

2. Commission Reports
 - 2.1 Buildings & Grounds – Fall clean-up is scheduled for September 25 8am-12pm, rain date Oct. 2. Planned work includes planting 3 trees, painting, cemetery clean-up, removing hedges, planting wildflowers, and more. Volunteers are needed as there is a lot of work to do. The parking lot work has been nearly completed with only sealing and striping yet to do in the next few weeks, as has work by the tree contractor with removal of damaged trees and new trees planted by the Fatima Grotto.
 - 2.2 Church Life/Family Life – Commission is working with K of C on NS Food Pantry Golf Outing on September 19. Oct. 27 will be the 25th anniversary of the new church building, and Commission will help with the commemoration event on Oct. 23-24. We will be restarting donut Sundays. Are planning ways to formally welcome newcomers to the Parish.
 - 2.3 Liturgy – Liturgical changes in the New Roman Missal will begin the First Sunday of Advent 2011. Catechesis and preparation for these changes will take place over the next year. There will be a series of meetings sponsored by the Diocese concerning Parish staffing (Priests) and collaboration/mergers throughout the Diocese for Parish leaders (all Parish Council, Commissions, Staff) with the closest to St. Ann's being on Oct. 3 in DeWitt or Davenport. Commission changed meeting day to Thursdays. Saturday, Oct. 2 will be an outdoor Mass for Blessing of Animals. Sunday, Sept. 19 will be Catechetical Sunday – There will be a 10:30 outdoor Mass. The Diocese has made decisions about the Liturgical Calendar with regard to Feast days during the 2010 liturgical year. As they approach, parishioners will be informed via the bulletin and announcements during Mass. However for your schedule planning – Christmas falls on a Saturday this year – we will have the usual Christmas day Mass at 9:00 Christmas morning (also the two Christmas Eve Masses). There will be no Saturday Vigil for the Sunday after Christmas Mass on Christmas Day (Saturday Dec. 25) and only one Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m. on the Sunday after Christmas (Dec. 26 – Feast of the Holy Family).
New Years Day holy Day is abrogated (no obligation). So there will be no Mass New Years Eve or new Years Day (Jan 1) and one Mass at 9:00 on January 2 (Feast of the Epiphany). This all seems confusing but we have tried to simplify the schedule for everyone's sake and have a consistent Mass time on these important days – that's why all the 9:00 Masses. If parishioners have concerns or questions about the schedule call Monsignor. Next year when Christmas falls on Sunday it will be even more confusing as we see how the Pope and the Bishop combine or reschedule feasts and Holy Days.
 - 2.4 Stewardship – Bill Briggs introduced the new Stewardship brochure. It received many positive comments from Parish Council members. Members agreed to take the brochure home, read it, and offer comments or suggestions as soon as possible so that the brochure can be printed.
 - 2.5 Finance – Bishop's Campaign is completed and was successful. St. Ann's raised about \$270,000. The Parish's 20% portion will be paid in lump sums in January and

July over the five years. Payments of pledges for Bishop's Campaign should be sent directly to the Diocese rather than to St. Ann's. The Parish budget for the year has been submitted and will be made available to the parishioners in the coming weeks.

2.6 Faith Formation – St. Ann's does not have Parish Catechetical plan as such. (A diocesan requirement that one be submitted.) The Commission will draft one by November that will include Sacramental preparation, faith formation of children and adults, crisis evacuation plans, and budgetary planning. St. Ann's will be starting a Special Needs Faith Formation program for our special people that will be a model for the other parishes in the Diocese. (See the August Messenger article on this). It will be part FF, part socialization, and part Confirmation program. A young couples group for ages 25-45 is also being organized by a group of young couples in the parish. If you want to be part of the organizational group contact Monsignor.

2.7 Social Action – No report.

2.8 Ladies' Guild – There will be a Salad Supper on Sept. 14 and a raffle and bake sale in November.

3. New Business

3.1 Election of Parish Council Officers – the Parish Council elected the following Officers for the coming year: Jeremiah Costello – President, Christine Cauwels – Vice President, Kelly Cole – Secretary. Following the regular meeting, the outgoing and incoming Parish Council officers met to discuss a replacement for John Selby on the Council, as he is unable to complete another year-long term. They appointed Bill Briggs to fill the position, and he accepted.

3.2 Date, time, and structure of strategic planning meeting – Sunday, Oct. 10 from 12-5; structure to be determined

4. Pastor information, concerns, and questions – The stained glass windows have been restored and will be returned in the next two weeks. Some have been reinstalled and others are in some stage of being so. They will be on display during the 25th anniversary celebration. The restoration of three of the windows was paid for by families as Memorials. Memorials or donations for the restoration of the other three are available. Faith Formation enrollment is above last year and continues to grow. Nov. 3-21, Msgr. will be on vacation – there will be visiting priests, including Bishop Amos on Nov. 7 for 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses. Other parish staff will be on vacation during the next few months – watch the bulletin. Msgr. explained the upcoming Diocese Planning Process. Handouts were distributed. There has been and will be much information on this process in our bulletin and in the Catholic Messenger.

5. Old Business – none

6. Thank-you's – Adopt-a-bed families (will be handled by Stewardship Commission)

7. Other Business – The date of the next Parish Council meeting has been changed due to a scheduling conflict with another parish event. The next meeting will be September 28 at 7:00 p.m.

8. Closing Prayer was led by Msgr. Drake Shafer

9. Motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Next Parish Council Meeting: September 28