

1. The meeting was called to Order by President Jeremiah Costello
  - 1.1. Opening Prayer was led by Msgr. Drake Shafer
  - 1.2. Roll was taken by Secretary Kelly Cole
  - 1.3. Minutes from the August meeting were approved with no amendments.
  - 1.4. Agenda was adopted with no amendments.
  
2. Commission/Team Reports
  - 2.1. Building & Grounds: Work day accomplished most of the tasks on list, although rain prevented some of the painting from being complete: building pressure washed, painting started, removed bushes, divided hostas and moved them, moved things to burn pile etc. Sat 2 – JH will clean highway and plant 1000 bulbs along building and in park area.
  - 2.2. Church Life/Family Life – Golf tournament raised over \$5300 after expenses for food pantry. Worked with K of C. Weather was great all had a good time. The event has continually grown; 2008 raised \$2000 and 2009 brought in \$4000.
  - 2.3. Liturgy – reviewed upcoming masses. Next meeting is Oct 14. New Missal will come in Advent of 2011. Msgr started using different prayers to start introducing the change.
  - 2.4. Stewardship – Finalizing brochure; ready to publish. Meeting Oct 5<sup>th</sup> to finalize and plan fall and winter activities. Would like to have the brochures ready for the Eldridge business fair. Will print 1000 so we have enough for fair and parishioners.
  - 2.5. Finance – presented annual budget for review which has been approved by Finance committee and the management team.
  - 2.6. Faith Formation – enrollment is flat for JH and up for other groups. Attendance was good the first 2 weeks, but down dramatically in the last weeks. Work is underway on the Catechetical Plan.
  - 2.7. Social Action – no report. Looking for new members
  - 2.8. Guild – last 2 meetings in Oct will sell tickets for raffle, which is Nov 6-7. Continuing to work on selling cookbooks: looking into selling them at the pumpkin patch and market. 400 more books have been received. Expenses have been covered; all new sales are PROFIT! Window treatments for the hall = \$12,000 and arrive the first week of October. Come to the Italian dinner and check them out!

3. Pastor information, concerns & questions
  - 3.1. Oct 22 – mark your calendar! 5 course authentic Italian dinner: antipasti, entrée, salad, gelato & cookie. \$25 plate – first 200 people. Will also celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our current facility.
  - 3.2. Bishops of Iowa have weighed in to politics. We are not going to distribute their literature.
  - 3.3. Oct 3 meeting for Diocesan planning session in Davenport at 3pm and Dewitt at 5pm – please attend if possible. We are at a crisis in terms of the number of priests in the Diocese. By December they want every parish to do a parish profile which will be used to help determine where they can merge and close parishes [probably more like February]. Process will take about a year and a half.
  - 3.4. Preparation for Oct 10 Planning session from 1-4pm. Msgr will find a facilitator. Agenda: Work on parish profile, Establish short and long term goals for the parish; with action items,
  - 3.5. Working on kicking off special needs and young couples groups
  - 3.6. Taking time off Nov 3rd – 21<sup>st</sup>
4. Old Business – nothing to report
5. Thank You's:
  - 5.1. Gene & Judy Loussaert for the contribution to auction [raised almost \$6000].
  - 5.2. Matt Costello for his work on the auction and the golf tournament.
  - 5.3. Jeff & Karen VanDeCastele – golf tournament,
  - 5.4. Scott Youngbauer for work on clean up
6. Other Business – Please continue to pray for Deb Meyer. You can donate blood or platelets at Genesis West
7. Closing Prayer – Father Drake Shafer
8. Motion to adjourn at 8pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be in November due to the Planning session on Nov 9th