

**Assumption Parish Council Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2005**

Members in Attendance

Bob Bianchetta	Nancy Endrst	Char Krause	Paul Middleton
Ken Bonomo	Norm Hook	Laura Landers	Fr. Mike Pennock
Terry Bouvier	George Kaluzny	Rosanne Matteson	Amy Seeley

Members Absent

Scott Brasch

Guests

Kenna Baskerville
Armand Bianchi
Marge Wills
Nadine Valentino

Opening

Council President George Kaluzny called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer

Paul Middleton led the Parish council in the Opening Prayer.

Pastor's Remarks

Fr Mike reminded the Parish Council on the upcoming Parish Mission this upcoming Sunday February 6th and his upcoming Bible Study on Wednesdays.

Approval of Minutes

George Kaluzny made a motion to accept the January 2005 minutes, Bob Bianchetta seconded, and motion carried.

Commission Reports

Education

Paul Middleton gave us the following report:

† FUN BEGINS FEBRUARY 6TH NOON - 3:00PM in the Berst Center

Planning is going well with the 7th and 8th grade Catechists and students. Students have been calling around for supplies, donations and help and have received a very good response. They are ready to Serve the Community with Fun and Food! Spread the word to Coal City families!

***All proceeds will go to the cost of this event and R. E. Program Costs**

† LENT BEGINS...

STUDENTS IN CLASS ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL RECEIVE ASHES. ALL OTHER STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES WITH THEIR FAMILY.

† February 16th 2ND GRADE 1st Communion Meeting for Parent and Student will be held at 6 PM in the Berst Center.

† 8TH GRADE MORALITY FILM WILL BE SHOWN DURING THE FEBRUARY 20TH CLASS SESSION.

PARENT'S ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THEIR 8TH GRADER TO WATCH THE FILM, CHECK THE VIDEO OUT TO VIEW AT HOME, OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO COME TO THE SCHOOL AND VIEW IT ALONE WITH THEIR CHILD AFTER CLASS SESSION TIME. THEY WILL LEARN IMPORTANT STATISTICS CONCERNING ISSUES OUR CHILDREN ARE DEALING WITH IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGHSCHOOL ENVIRONMENT THEY LIVE IN EACH DAY.

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†† This film is being shown in accordance with the Joliet Diocese's Religious Education Office Policy. Parents will receive a copy of this excerpt. The following is an excerpt from November 2004 REO Professional Newsletter, page 5:

CURRICULUM

Clarifying the Family Life Policy

Yes, the diocese has a standing policy for family life/sexuality curriculum which applies to parish schools and religious education programs: "It is the expectation of the diocese that all aspects of catechetical ministry to children and adolescents provide an effective program concerning human sexuality. This expectation applies to Catholic schools, parish religious education programs, and youth ministry."

Every Catholic school in the diocese should be presenting holistic Catholic teaching about human sexuality in minimally, grades 5-8, and preferably in K-8, using one of the approved family life curriculum resources. *Religious education programs are asked to include some elements of this, as time allows.*

The policy curriculum guidelines are interpreted to cover any materials or presentations on human sexuality, family life, relationships, sexual abstinence, STD's, prevention of abortion or related issues.

All materials presenting aspects of human sexuality used in parish or school programs must be from the diocesan approved list (enclosed). Any alternative materials must be approved by the REO. **It is important to allow parents the opportunity to know the content in advance of any presentation dealing with matters of sexuality, and an option for them to exclude their child must be provided.**

The "Diocesan Guideline Family Life Curriculum: a Catechesis of Relationships" (2001) provides guidelines for appropriate, holistic and balanced curriculum materials in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and has a list of suggestions for implementation, including hints for dealing with parents which can help parish leaders avoid misunderstandings.

Christian Service

The following report was given by Char Krause:

CCW

The CCW does not meet in January and February. At the March meeting nominations will be taken for Woman of the Year.

Elizabeth Ministry

Extended support to two grieving families.

Food Pantry

Food Pantry will be having a meeting Thurs, Feb 17 at 1:30pm in the Madonna Room to discuss this past holiday season and this upcoming year. This past weekend's second collection was to support our local food pantry needs.

Marthas

None

SVdP

The society is preparing for their upcoming garage sale.

Drop off dates: Fri, Feb 25 8-4pm Sale Dates: Thurs, Mar 3 9-7pm

Sat, Feb 26 8-1pm Fri, Mar 4 9-7pm

Sun, Feb 27 8-1pm Sat, Mar 5 9-3pm

Mon, Feb 28 8-4pm

Volunteers are most welcome to help. Also, we are in need of clothes racks for hanging clothes. Marthas are going to serve food and maybe have a bake sale. SVdP homeless committee portion from Coal City :

to needy clients \$12,774.46 CC committee pd \$2,781.46 SvdP reimbursed 9,993.00

St Vincent table served 38 people last night. Menu was turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, salad and dessert. Pop , milk and juice to drink. Fruit and paper products were sent home with those that attended.

Respect Life

The Embryonic Stem Cell Research Act did not reach the floor for a vote as expected.

The hazardous weather prompted the bus company to cancel the trip to Washington only hours before the scheduled time for departure, leaving our 7 participants stranded here in Coal City as well the other 120+ Joliet area participants in their respective towns! Even with the bad east coast weather the March for Life in Washington had a larger turnout than in previous years 250,000 pro-life advocates in attendance. EWTN captured the energy of the thousands of young Americans gathered to celebrate the past years pro-life accomplishments and listen to President Bush, members of Congress and even the daughter of a saint as Laura Molla, daughter of St. Gianna Beretta Molla who was canonized by Pope John Paul II last year for her life of holiness and for sacrificing her own life for her unborn child, attended the March for Life in Washington. Molla, sister of baby Gianna whose life was saved, spoke to attendees at the Rose Dinner following the march. She stated, "My mother is proud of you all and is watching and blessing us with her mother's smile. My husband and I have come from Milan to participate today in this March for Life and testify to our conviction that human life is a gift of God that human love must be protected from its conception till its natural end."

We thank those who participated in our Rose Procession before 5pm mass Jan 22 and the Rosary for Life after mass and all who remember the pray for and promote an increased respect of life.

Worship

Kenneth Bonomo gave the report.

1.) The Parish Mission begins on Sunday February 6th at 1 pm in the Church so as to avoid conflicts with the Superbowl. The Mission will continue on Monday February 7th and Tuesday February 8th at 7 pm in the Church, while the mission will conclude on Wednesday 9th at 8 pm after Ash Wednesday Mass that starts at 7 pm.

2.) Lent begins on Wednesday February 9th. There are two Masses on Ash Wednesday. Mass is at 8:30 am and 7 pm with distribution of Ashes while there will be an Ashes only service at 3:30 pm. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays after 8:30 am Mass and at 6:30 pm before Friday devotions.

3.) Thursday February 3 is St. Blaise Day. There will be blessing of the throats during 8:30 am Mass and at a service at 6:00 pm.

Administration

Roseanne Matteson reported.

- 1) George Kaluzny made a motion that the December 2004 financial reports be accepted, Ken Bonomo seconded the motion, and the motion was carried 11-0.

Building Committee

- 1) Armand Bianchi reported that we are waiting for a letter from the architectural firm Healy-Bender informing us how much preliminary work can be done for \$20,000.00 (the maximum amount that can be allocated for exploring building options).

Old Business

- 1) *Parish Census*- Nadine Valentino reported some preliminary numbers on the Parish Census. The Diocese has 1,132 families currently on the Parish roll that had census forms sent to them. Of this total 582 families returned the forms, while 660 families did not return the census forms. There were 57 new families that asked to be put on the Parish roll, while 31 families asked to be removed from the parish roll. There were three deceased members to be removed from the roll. Some of the more experienced ushers will look at the list of non-reporting families to try to come up with a more accurate census figure before a number will be sent to the diocese.
- 2) *Status of Pictorial Directory*-Char Krause reported there are still 101 pictorial directories that still need to be picked up by parishioners that had their pictures taken for the directory. There are still 35 extra copies of the directory that are able to be purchased by anyone that would want them.
- 3) *Hall Rental*- Nadine Valentino and George Kaluzny gave a report on the Hall rental situation. The Diocese informed us that it did not have any problems with our parish renting our hall out to non-parishioners if it was going to be used for a revenue making endeavor and such groups . Thus our previous policy of renting out the hall to Coal City School District residents is acceptable. Bob Bianchetta made a motion that the old rental policy be retained and George Kaluzny seconded it. The Parish Council voted 11-0 to retain the old rental policy.

The Council decided that the cost of renting the facilities is \$500.00 to parishioners, \$650.00 for non-parishioners, with a \$500.00 security deposit for the Hall and a \$75.00 caterers fee for using the facilities they need. The Parish Council also decided to give Leo Middleton the discretion to select whatever help he deems necessary to clean up the Berst Center after an event. He can decide whether or not it is best to pay bartenders to clean up after an event or have some other cleaning crew do the work. For this purpose three blank checks need to be

cut for an event: 2 \$ 64.00 checks for the bartenders and a \$50.00 check for paying whomever will take over the clean-up duties.

- 4) *Church Door Replacements-* The Parish Council discovered that the cost that was previously quoted for the installment of new Aluminum doors was not the price for two doors , but the cost of only one door. The Parish Council decided that this would be too much for us to pay for the doors. A suggestion was made to check with the Morris Grundy Area Vocational to see if they could build us a couple of doors at a price lower that has been quoted us by the contractors we have contacted. This issue will be examined further during the March Parish Council meeting.
- 5). *Nominating Committee will meet in February and Set Agenda-* The Nominating Committee will be contacted to see what is a good time to meet and set the Nominating Committee agenda.

New Business

No new business for this month.

Questions for the Pastor

No questions for the Pastor this month.

Open Forum

Char Krause asked to Parish Council for prayer for the success of Adoration of the Eucharist here at Assumption Parish. The schedule of Eucharistic Adorers will be placed in the bulletin so that parishioners that have not been scheduled can find an hour to fill in.

President's Remarks

George Kaluzny commented on the benefits brought about by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the power of prayer to change our lives for the better.

Closing Prayer

Paul Middleton led the Council in closing prayer.

Adjournment

Parish Council was adjourned at approximately 8:41p.m. by President George Kaluzny.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Bonomo, Secretary