

**Assumption Parish Council Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2005**

Members in Attendance

Bob Bianchetta	Nancy Endrst	George Kaluzny	Rosanne Matteson
Ken Bonomo	Norm Hook	Char Krause	Amy Seeley

Members Absent

Terry Bouvier (excused)
Scott Brasch
Laura Landers (excused)
Paul Middleton
Fr. Mike Pennock (excused)

Guests

Laurie Biskie	Suzanne Hamilton	Nadine Valentino
Tom Biskie	Suzanne Lissy	Marge Wills
Kenna Baskerville	Juanita Pantaleone	
Shirley Boero	JoAnn Skubic	

Call to Order

George Kaluzny called the meeting to order at 7:00pm...

Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was led by Amy Seeley.

Miscellaneous Discussions

Tom and Laurie Biskie gave a report on their mission trip to Bolivia.

Pastor's Remarks

None.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of May 3rd Parish Council meeting were delayed due to a tape recording malfunction. These minutes will be submitted to the Parish Council before the September Parish Council Meeting.

Commission Reports

Paul Middleton gave the following report:

Education

1). The Religious Education office is closed for the month of June.

2). Vacation Bible School is being held at the Methodist Church July 18th thru the 22nd.

Registrations can be made at any of the following participating religious congregations: Methodist, Presbyterian, or here at Assumption. The forms are at the back of the Church.

3). At the April board meeting, the board decided to dedicate the 5th Sunday 2nd collection to V.B.S., the amount collected was 892.00. Was this amount deposited in the V.B.S. account? Please let Mrs. K. Know so she can inform the proper people.

Teens

June

June 9th, we will meet with the teens and their parents (at 6:00 pm in the Berst Center) to finalize everything for our trip to Steubenville Ohio which will be on June 17th - 19th. Please pray for a safe and spiritual journey for our teens and leaders.

July

Also on Saturday July 9th the teens will be selling steak sandwiches at the IGA in Braid wood as their summer fundraiser, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Our teens will be attending the Shine Fest concert which is being held at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais Il on July 17th 2005- 12:00pm., there will be several well known Christian groups like Audio Adrenaline, GRITS, Seventh Day slumber, Sanctus Real, and more. A great experience for our teens.

Also in July the teens will sponsor teens and their families to attend a Jackhammers game on Friday July 22, 2005.

The teens will also assist St. Vincent DePaul in their soup kitchen on Monday July 11th and Monday July 18th. Our teens and leaders will cook and prepare the meals and serve them to the homeless.

August

High School S.W.I.M (Summer Witness in Mission) is sponsored by the Peace and Social Justice Ministry of the Diocese of Joliet, offered to high school teens as an opportunity to participate in Christian service and it is a local mission centered in the Joliet Diocese. This program is held the first week of August.

Also for the summer, we are working on a confirmation date to attend the Indiana Waterpark for a day.

Christian Service

The following report was given by Char Krause:

CCW

Announced scholarship winners - Stephanie Rodrigues and Jeremy Unger. Received from sponsored child Jhon Fredy SalsaPineda from Columbia many letters to the RE students that wrote him. Next meeting will be in September with annual potluck dinner. Will participate in Octoberfest with Linen Raffle

Elizabeth Ministry

Delivered a couple of meals to new families and ministered to a family experiencing loss

Food Pantry/St. Vincent's Table

St Vincent dePaul Society has assisted 5 families during the month of May 2005.

There is 1 cookbook left to sell

Will be having a "Back to School Garage Sale" Drop off is Sunday July 10th 9a-1p and Monday July 11 from 9a-4. Sale dates are Friday July 15 from 9a-7p and Saturday July 16 from 9a-3p. Collecting clothing all sizes and any school supplies your children will not be using next year. NO electronics, books or heavy furniture. A raffle will be held with items that area businesses have donated and also a 50/50 money pot split. The Marthas will be serving a light lunch.

The Food Pantry is doing fine at this time. Chuck Girot is still handling food vouchers.

St. Vincent's Table is serving 25-35 people at this time. SVT is in need of Monday night volunteers. Please call Julie Keigher at 634-6706 to schedule a time to volunteer.

Since October 1, 2004, the Homeless Committee of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Council of the Joliet Diocese has contributed \$24,000 for the needy in the Coal City area

Marthas

Will be serving a simple light meal at the St Vincent Back to School Garage Sale in July

Pro-Life

You won't want to miss the **Our Lady of Guadalupe Crusade Presentation for Life** coming Saturday June 25 at 6pm. Members of the International Life and Mercy Crusade will bring a Sacred Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that was touched to the original tilma of St. Juan Diego. This team travels extensively throughout the United States and Mexico and has a presentation too awesome to miss with replicas of the Divine Mercy and Holy Shroud images for veneration. Come experience this unique opportunity!!!!

Keep in mind that are NO benefits to human patients from embryonic stem cells. Don't be fooled by the culture of death's false hope for cures of disease.

Pro Life in the News---

Unsafe Sex in Age of Viagra; Rising HIV Rates Show Seniors

Often...(www.Austin360.com/news/newstop.htm) The impotence drug Viagra has many health officials concerned about the spread of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases among older Americans. Older people are less likely to practice safe sex and rarely get tested for the disease. The fastest growing AIDS rate is among the geriatric population.....

Abortion Encouraged in Ukraine as Unborn Babies Used for Russian Beauty Treatments Kiev, may 24, 2005 (LifeSiteNews.com) - A UK Observer exclusive has revealed that the trafficking of unborn baby body tissues for use as "beauty" treatments in Russia is a booming trade. The unborn children are purchased from Ukraine women - some of whom are also 'duped' by racketeering doctors who convince the women that the unborn baby is defective and needs to be aborted - thereafter selling the aborted child. The babies are cryogenically frozen and advertised as providing "youth injections" claimed to reverse aging and cure many diseases. An older baby is worth even more, as beauty spa workers are convinced that the so-called age-reducing effect is more plentiful in the older child.

Abortion and Breast Cancer (worldnetdaily.com) Fifty years of research is in and the record is now clear - Abortion significantly increases the risk of breast cancer

Legislative Update -

HB0984 (Born Alive Infant Defined) passed the Senate with a Vote of 52 yea 4 present and 0 nay. This bill amends the Statute on Statutes. Defines the terms "person", "human being", "child" and "individual" to include every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development. Defines "born alive" to mean the complete expulsion or extraction from the mother of an infant, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut and regardless of whether the expulsion or extraction occurs as a result of natural or induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion. Provides that nothing in these definitions shall be construed to affirm, deny, expand or contract any legal status or legal right applicable to any member of the species homo sapiens at any point prior to being born alive.

Worship

Kenneth Bonomo gave the following report:

1) Corpus Christi Procession-There was a Corpus Christi Process after the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday May 29. The weather cooperated, even though at times it seemed it

would not, and a good number of people that took part in it. Bishop Immesch asked all the parishes in the Diocese to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi in a special manner and our parish complied with his wishes by having this procession.

2) The special feasts of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary was celebrated last Friday and Saturday with special Masses on Friday night for the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and a Saturday Morning Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These are special feasts proclaiming the love that Our Lord and Lady has for us all.

3) We would like to extend thanks to Jean Hall our choir director, the organists, and cantors that have covered our Masses this year. These are people that put a lot a time and effort in providing an atmosphere that makes our Church a fine place for worshipping God. Thanks to everyone that helps us give God the glory as we worship Him.

4) We have an anonymous benefactor that has been gracing our Church with flowers. We really appreciate the thoughtfulness that this anonymous person has shown our Church.

5) There is little to report this time of year since Ordinary time. Can anyone here, without using a calendar, tell us when you think Ordinary time will end? (November 27)

Adminstration

1). Financial Report-Saved for closed meeting .

Building Committee

1) *Letter from Healy-Bender-* Got letter from Healy Bender. \$20,000 will cover 4 workshops and 8 interviews. We have enough money in fund to start research, but not enough to start building a new Church. No price will be given for a possible new church until a preliminary investigation gets done. Price for a new church construction will increase 10% a year.

2) *Form a full building committee?* Armand recommends that we wait to form a full committee until we have collected a greater fund for building a new church.

Old Business

1). *Nominating Committee –Select New Members-* Three new members were elected to the Parish Council by the roll of dice. The three new elected members are Daniel Pellack, Michael Ganser, and Peter Collins. George Kaluzny thanked the outgoing members of the Parish Council for their work for the parish.

2). *Spring Rehab-* Several spring rehab projects were discussed. There is enough money in the budget for the following projects:

a). One or two regular doors on garage need replacing.

- b). Boys bathroom stall doors- Should be done by end of summer.
 - c). Threshold of Madonna room entry doors from parking lot need repairs.
These repairs need to be done while it is still warm out.
- 3) *Organ Speakers- Replacement vs. Repairs cost and Update.*
- a) The cost of the is in the 2005 budget , therefore a fundraiser for the replacement or repairs are not necessary.

New Business

a). *Light weight-* Amy Seeley announced that there will be a Light weight meeting for those who would like to lose weight in a manner that promotes Catholic spiritual growth. The meetings are once a week on Tuesday nights. The information the Light weight program will be put in the back of the Church.

b). *Hall Kitchen-* Susan Lissy commented on the fact that the kitchen ceiling in the Berst Center is full of grease and the fan was messed up and that the ceiling might need painting. The Parish Council looked at the stove area and agreed that the screens and ceiling need to be cleaned by the maintenance team.

Questions for the Pastor

No questions for the pastor this month.

Open Forum

None scheduled.

President's Remarks

None.

Closing Prayer

Ken Bonomo will be leading opening prayer in September. Amy Seeley led the Council in the closing prayer.

Adjournment

The Parish Council adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Bonomo, Secretary