

Assumption Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 6, 2005

Attendance

Members Present

Fr. Mike Pennock	Terry Bouvier	Roseanne Matteson
Ray Baskerville	Mike Ganser	Paul Middleton
Ken Bonomo	Char Krause	Dan Pellack

Members Absent

Scott Brasch (excused)	Nancy Endrst (excused)
Peter Collins	George Kaluzny

Guests Present

Kenna Baskerville	Juanita Pantaleone	Marge Wills
Suzanne Lissy	Nadine Valentino	

Opening

At 7:03 PM, Fr. Mike Pennock called the meeting to order with Prayers for the Victims of Hurricane Katrina [USCCB], invoking the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary under her titles Notre Dame de Bon Secours and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception; Ss. Joseph, Francis of Assisi, Christopher, Anthony; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, and the Most Blessed Trinity, asking for courage and faith for all the victims and strength for us to come to the help of our brothers and sisters in need.

Pastor's Opening Remarks

Fr. Mike spoke of the parish's response to the victims of the hurricane, sharing that the second collection totaled \$4263.00 while the regular Sunday collection, \$5963.00, showed the generosity of our parishioners. Father also mentioned being open to ideas of how we at Assumption Parish can help meet the needs of the hurricane victims.

Due to the absence of our president, Fr. Mike chaired the meeting for the following business:

Approval of Minutes

Char Krause moved to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2005, Parish Council meeting and Roseanne Matteson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Changes in Parish Council

Fr. Mike read a letter submitted by Laura Landers who requested to step down from her parish council membership. Ken Bonomo moved to appoint Ray Baskerville to fill this new vacancy. Char Krause seconded the motion. Motion carried. The members new to this year's Parish Council are Ray Baskerville, Peter Collins, Mike Ganser, and Dan Pellack.

Members chose to table the choice of Parish Council president and vice-president until the October Council Meeting. Ken Bonomo moved to appoint Terry Bouvier as Parish Council secretary. Roseanne Matteson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parish Council Meeting Dates

The Parish Council Meetings are set for the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Potential conflicts occur this year with the October meeting due to Fr. Mike being out of town for a Convocation and with the November meeting due to the first Tuesday being the Feast of All Saints. Members decided to change the October meeting to the second Tuesday, October 11, 2005, and to discuss the November meeting possible change in October. The January meeting is usually held on the second Tuesday of that month.

At this point, Ken Bonomo volunteered to chair the meeting for the following business:

Commission Reports

Education Commission:

Dan Pellack began the report by sharing the information for the Teens 4 Christ Youth Ministry.

- ◆ September meetings for Teens 4 Christ will be Sunday, September 11, 2005, and Sunday, September 18, 2005, with the focus on Our Lady of Sorrows. The group usually meets on the first and third Sundays of the month.
- ◆ Teens will be selling baked goods at the Knights of Columbus on September 16, 2005, with plans for this being an ongoing fundraiser twice monthly.
- ◆ Teens plan to sponsor a child from Friends of the Orphans and are considering inviting the religious education students to take part.
- ◆ At their October party, teens will dress as saints.
- ◆ As an extension of the Helping Hands program, members plan to “adopt” an elderly person.
- ◆ Teens are planning their Octoberfest participation.
- ◆ Each teen will have a C.A.R.E. commitment card which stresses
 - C—compliment 3 people each day
 - A—act in others’ best interest
 - R—respect the differences in others
 - E—extend a helping hand.
- ◆ The teens raised \$204.00 at their summer fund raiser.

Paul Middleton said that there was nothing to report for Christian Education at this time.

Christian Service Commission:

Char Krause was again chosen as the Parish Council representative for the Service Commission. She reported that the commission met August 23, 2005, and shared these highlights from individual groups.

- ◆ CCW had no report.
- ◆ Elizabeth Ministry:
Members provided 2 meals over the summer and 2 crisis bags for families suffering miscarriage. Samples of the “New Baby Bag” and “Crisis Bags” were viewed. Fr. Mike suggested that the book *Letters to Gabriel* would be a good inclusion for the crisis bags.
- ◆ Marthas had no report.
- ◆ Pro-Life:
A sample of the new prayer booklet was shared. The last week in July was NPF Awareness. Again a group from our parish travels monthly to pray at Access Health Center; the next scheduled trip is September 24, 2005. October 2, 2005, is Respect Life Sunday; activities include the Life Chain in Braidwood and the annual Blue Army meeting.
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul Society:
The group continues to provide Monday meals in the Berst Center and is ready to accept monetary and food donations and volunteers to assist. They have received 20 calls for assistance since August 13, 2005. A thank-you card the group received was shared.
- ◆ Food Pantry:
Plans are underway for the Christmas baskets. A meeting is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday this month.

Worship Commission:

Ken Bonomo was delegated Parish Council representative for the Worship Commission. He reported the following:

- ◆ The International Pilgrim Virgin statue visited Assumption Parish September 2-3, 2005. We were fortunate to have her arrive in time for Friday evening devotions and present on First Saturday.
- ◆ Seven new couples have recently contacted the rectory to begin marriage preparation. The class will be held on the first Saturday of November. Anyone who knows of a couple ready to start marriage preparation was asked to inform the couple of this upcoming class.
- ◆ We have had a good number of Baptisms this summer. Fr. Mike shared that, following the Sacrament of Baptism, one family registered as parishioners.
- ◆ This fall there will be training for new and present altar servers, stressing the need for proper reverence to Our Lord present in the tabernacle.
- ◆ Petition sheets to keep marriage between one man and one woman are available to sign in the back of the church.

Administration Commission

Roseanne Matteson is the Parish Council representative for the Administration Commission. She shared the financial information for May, June, and July 2005. Following discussion, the following business was conducted:

- ◆ Ken Bonomo moved to accept the May financial reports. Ray Baskerville seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ◆ Ken Bonomo moved to accept the June [end of year] financial reports. Char Krause seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ◆ Ken Bonomo moved to accept the July financial reports. Mike Ganser seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ◆ Within the month, a bulletin insert will give parishioners a copy of the former fiscal year. Parishioners will also be given an explanation of our parish's financial situation.
- ◆ The commission recommends a committee be formed to oversee the parish hall. Ray Hayes has been hired as the new hall manager; Leo Middleton will serve as the back-up manager.
- ◆ The commission recommends a policy log be kept of Parish Council decisions. The council secretary will keep a record of any new decisions.
- ◆ A bulletin invitation should appear in the near future looking for someone who could oversee electrical, plumbing, and carpentry jobs in the parish. Dan Pellack said he has experience in these areas.
- ◆ Parish Council notebooks were provided to the new Parish Council members present at the September meeting.

Pastor's Remarks

Fr. Mike clarified questions concerning Deacon Jack Schimandle. Deacon Jack has applied to work in a neighboring parish, but he is yet assigned to Assumption Parish. Any change in assignment would need to come from Bishop Imesch.

Closing Prayer

Fr. Mike led those present in the "Glory Be."

Adjournment

Ken Bonomo reminded members that the next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2005. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Bouvier, secretary