

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
Minutes: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
August 16, 2011 Urbain Hall 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Beverly Flaig, Judy Fritz, Ken Gill, Al Heister, Todd Helton, Bob Kaiser; Ex-Officio Members: Rev. Jeff Bacon, Susan Schnell

Members Absent: Dan Barth, Scott Smith, Andy Weltzer

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.; Father Jeff opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed; upon motion made and seconded, the Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Education Commission – Sue Schnell reported.

- The school has received full accreditation with the State of Ohio for the next four years
- Enrollment is holding; it is up from last year
- Hired a new staff member, third grade teacher Helen Barton
- Interviewing for speech and language teacher, and posting for a part-time nurse
- I Pads are in for 6th, 7th and 8th grades; staff is being trained - its features were demonstrated by Sue
- New Math series for K-8 was purchased; it includes digital components for I Pad access – will decrease book bag weight by 30 lbs.
- Wi-Fi is being put into classrooms in next couple weeks; will result in 50% reduction of purchasing books
- New Social Studies text books are being looked at for this year

Finance Commission – Bob Young reported.

- Month of July resulted in an operating loss of (\$38,000) - not unusual for July; compared to last year, up \$8,000 (stewardship with introduction to electronic giving contributed)
- Archdiocese loan balance down to \$19,888
- In July, the Archdiocese began an assessment of 5.7% on the loan (after two-year moratorium), in addition to the 7% interest
- Has been an expensive year, e.g. cafeteria renovation, parking lot repaving, etc.
- Collections are up

Queen of Peace Athletic Club (QPAC) – Mike McKinney reported.

- Volleyball sign-ups were held Aug 10; gym to be rented on Wednesdays for games
- Indian Ridge Golf Outing / Steak Fry was held July 30; profit of \$6,450, increase from last year's outing
- May hold two separate events next year; looking for suggestions how to involve students and parents
- A check for \$640 was given to Father Jeff, 10% of profits, as on-going donation from QPAC from all fundraisers toward church repairs / wish list
- A portable sound system for the gymnasium was purchased; now deciding where to store, at school or gym cage
- Basketball season – guidelines will be established in next month or two

Building and Grounds Committee – no report.

Parents Group – Sue Schnell reported.

- To limit parents from receiving multiple fundraising requests, getting samples to make decision on what to purchase; also cutting out competition
- Collecting canned goods for St. Raphael, to be turned in at School Open House Sunday, August 21
- Uniform exchange will be offered at no charge, uniforms will be on table to come and swap out

- Volunteer opportunities are available for sign-up; push on to get more people involved

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) – Randi Hom reported.

- In a collaborative effort with Youth Ministry, PREP will be transitioning over from Mary Ann Estridge to Randi
- Class starts September 18; registration forms have been updated and now include permission slip and medical information
- Teacher Beth Holley is returning to the classroom
- Youth volunteers will help with 7-8th grades in a team approach
- Along with the Bible and Catechism, an interactive approach with hands-on learning activities will be developed, e.g. game playing related to what is being learned, short videos, working together on projects, small group discussions
- Upcoming Dates:
 - Open House Sunday August 21; Degree on Child Protection class for volunteers will be held
 - Confirmation: April 18, 2012
 - First Communion: April 21 and 22, 2012

Youth Ministry – Randi Hom reported.

- Exploring expanding Sunday evening meetings to include some Friday and Saturday evenings
- Planning to invite and involve youth (grades 6-12) with parents in the September 20 General Information Session to introduce changes in the Mass, September 27 five-week study “A Biblical Walk through the Mass,” as well as Bible Study of the Gospel of Matthew beginning in November
- E-mails were sent to parents regarding their inviting the youth to their homes for learning and fun activities ; to date:
 - A bonfire is scheduled for October 15
 - A visit is to be arranged to learn about the basement volunteer ministry of the Krabbe’s of sewing and distributing vestments
- The youth have asked to be involved in more service activities; plans include
 - Preparing and serving meals the homeless shelter Serve City
 - Participating in community meals at The Presbyterian Church in September
 - Working with youth minister Marv Nieport at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

Pastor’s comments: Father Jeff expressed his feeling that the Parish is doing well, running the way it should be; he is very pleased and hopeful for its future.

Old Business:

- Parish Picnic – attendance was low, cost to Parish \$1500; next year, discuss feasibility of different date for the picnic
- Election Results - welcome extended to newly elected members Al Heister and Beverly Flaig
- Festival Results – Net profit of \$50,581; considerably below last year’s \$60,000; next year, discuss pulling chicken dinner away from the festival as a separate event in September or October

New Business:

- Election of Officers – tabled to next scheduled meeting

Next Meeting: September 13, 2011 at Urbain Hall, 7:00 p.m. – changed from regularly scheduled September 20 due to conflict with General Information Session, introducing parish members to changes in the Mass

Closing Prayer: Father Jeff read from Scripture Matthew 16:13-20 (“Peter’s Confession of Christ”), “*Who do you say that I am?*” asking members to reflect and respond briefly upon its meaning. Father Jeff closed the meeting with prayer; meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Beverly Flaig