

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

The Parish Council of Blessed Sacrament Church met in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Fr. McCarthy, Fr. Dallas, Lynn Brown, Ann Harte, David Kolinski, Katie Leonard, Julia Maxey, John Mesaros, Diane Roberson, Jeanne Seaver and Sarah Sink.

Opening Prayer: Fr. McCarthy

Fr. McCarthy began today's meeting by thanking everyone for accepting their position as a Parish Council representative and welcomes any suggestions they may have for areas that need to be improved within the Church community.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 11, 2010 were approved as written with no objections.

Election of Officers:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the election of David Kolinski as Chair of the Council and John Mesaros as Vice-Chair.

Committee Assignments:

Fr. McCarthy appointed the following committee members:

Christian Service	Ann Harte
Parish Education	Julia Maxey
Parish Life	Sarah Sink, Chair; Diane Roberson; Jeanne Seaver
Stewardship	David Kolinski
Worship	Claire Barnhill
Youth	John Mesaros
School	Lynn Brown, Principal; Katie Leonard

Everyone accepted their assigned positions. Fr. McCarthy requested each Committee meet on the months the Council does not in order to have a report prepared for the Parish Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Services: Ann Harte

Ms. Harte shared that the St. Vincent de Paul Society meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Society goes to the Inner City Night Shelter monthly.

Parish Education: Jeanne Seaver (info provided by Ann Largis)

- Ms. Seaver reported that the CCD program starts Sunday, Sept. 12. There is a need for teachers for the first and second grades. Teacher assistants are also needed.

- There is also a need for a teacher to coordinate the Children's Liturgy Program during the 10:30 Mass.
- RCIA classes begin on Wednesday, Sept. 15 in the Parish Center.

Stewardship: David Kolinski

- Stewardship Fair Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 9, in the Parish Center. The Council is asked to take a leadership role in the Fair which will be held Oct. 2 and 3 after each Mass.

Finance Report: Fr. McCarthy

Fr. McCarthy distributed the Financial Reports. The Parish's Operating Income is \$670,973 which represents a 3.34% decrease since last year. Report was reviewed by the Council.

Worship: Diane Roberson (for Claire Barnhill)

- Altar Society is scheduled to meet on Sept. 12
- One member, Roseanne Ashley, resigned due to move from Parish
- The flower committee has met with Fr. McCarthy regarding plans for the decoration of the church for the Christmas Season.

Jeanne Zittrauer is still seeking volunteers for lectors, choir members, gift bearers, greeters and ushers. Fr. McCarthy shared that he would like to see those receiving their First Holy Communion or Confirmation along with their parents participate as gift bearers.

Fr. McCarthy suggested the following for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Drs. George and Cristina Negrea; Brigitte and Kenny Rentiers; Lee Camacho; Julia Maxey; Trudie Sabogal; Dr. Larry and Nelia Zottoli, Liz Guri and Elizabeth Traub (for weekdays only). Please inform Fr. McCarthy if you are aware of any reason why any of these folks should not be chosen.

Youth: Fr. Dallas

- Fr. Dallas is the High School youth minister; Catherine Richie is the minister for the middle school
- A monthly youth mass is being considered
- Another consideration is a meeting every other week with middle school students to let them feel that they are having a voice in the parish
- On the Parish Level, there will be a meeting in the near future to discuss Sunday evening meetings
- Fr. McCarthy stated that there may be a rotation between the high school and Jr. CYO. More information will be forthcoming in future bulletins.

School Board: Katie Leonard

- The School Board has not yet met this year. There are 443 students in Blessed Sacrament with no more than 25 in each classroom
- The School Board Annual Retreat was held on August 14 and a copy of their report is attached for your convenience

- Fr. McCarthy discussed the Pastor's Page in the Sept. 5 bulletin listing the tuition and school costs

Principal's Report: Lynn Brown

- Theme for the year: "Bee-lieve" Being all that God intended you to be
- 54 Staff members; 3 new ó Casey Flynn; Caroline Phillips; and Maureen Cole
- Curriculum Initiative: Curriculum Mapping (Science and Social Studies)
- Mission for September is Leukemia/Lymphoma Society; Virtue ó Bee-lieve in yourself; Mission for October is Downs Syndrome; Virtue ó Bee kind
- Financial Issues: \$14,000 antivirus software; \$20,000 HVAC Unit Page 3 of replacements; \$22,000 additional technology needs; administration will analyze staffing and salary needs
- Calendar: Sept 19, Matrimony Brunch; Sept. 21, volleyball; Sept. 22, see you at the pole (7:30 p.m.); Sept. 24, Grandparents Day (9:00 ó 10:30); Nov. 6 Auction "Kick it up for BSS)

OLD BUSINESS

Fr. McCarthy has been investigating refurbishing the church and the school. This project is on hold for now.

Pictorial Directory: New registered parishioners are asked to submit pictures for the directory. The directory can be viewed online.

Teachers will be installed on Sept. 19 during the 10:30 Mass followed by a brunch.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ben Dallas

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Roberson
Secretary

Next Meeting Date: November 2, 2010