

## Parish Council meeting notes 6/8/2009

**Present:** Fr. Ev Hemann, Bill Bergan, Jerry Peltier, Patrick Clem, Diane Lyon, Don Alexander, Dave Dirks, John Klaus, Shannon Schroeder, Alan Lynch,

**Absent:** Jessica Rosenhamer, Doug Ulaszek, Elise Mullen, Kimberley Taylor

1. Bill called the meeting to order at 7pm
2. Prayer was led by Patrick Clem
3. Agenda was Approved with the following discussion
  - a. Clarification of Dave Dirks on CJP commission
  - b. Delay of Personnel Handbook discussion due to forthcoming changes
  - c. Bill to email out a new photo database of parish council and their contact info and commission assignments
4. May Minutes were approved
5. Old Business - NA
6. Commission Reports
  - a. CJP- John Klaus
    - i. Update/discussion on Pope visit- Oct 3rd (30 year anniversary)
  - b. PFL – Alan Lynch
    - i. Continued discussion about Handicap accessibility improvements
    - ii. See last meeting report for more info
  - c. WSG – Jessica Rosenhamer
    - i. No meeting
  - d. Staff – Don Alexander
    - i. Report about summer intern
    - ii. Catholic youth fundraiser upcoming (see Board of Ed section)
  - e. Board of Ed – Shannon Schroeder
    - i. Fundraiser this weekend on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Vacation bible school 13-17<sup>th</sup> of July
    - iii. Youth Minister update – Interviews in process
  - f. CM – Roman Lynch
    - i. No meeting during summer
    - ii. Fr. Ev reported on parishioners in Philadelphia attending Catholic Leadership Institute
    - iii. ISU is registering incoming students and St. Thomas had a resource booth there- many students (18-20 per day) signed up with interest in our parish
  - g. FAC – Diane Lyon
    - i. Budget is proceeding satisfactorily and on track
    - ii. No meeting in June
    - iii. August - Omaha welcome party for new students and families to encourage them to attend our parish
    - iv. Spring cleaning day upcoming – see bulletin for details
    - v. South Parking lot resurfacing being investigated

7. New Business

- a. STA/ISU scholarship fund – vehicle for retired faculty and alumni to establish a scholarship in their field of study for \$15k, Father Ev will establish a fund for religious studies/LAS studies and St. Thomas will be accepting gifts for this fund in lieu of parting gifts when he leaves
- b. Delta Upsilon House update – at this point the house will continue to be a fraternity.

8. Presidents Report

- a. Fr. Ev shared with us 4 emails he received with compliments about our parish.
- b. We received a letter from ISU about the ISU Monsignor Supple Endowment that has lost about 28% of its value and therefore is not creating enough interest to pay the salary of the chairperson. ISU is asking STA to consider further donations to cover the difference of the loss. At this time there is no strong interest to allocate funds for this. Fr. Ev will inquire what has been done with the growth of funds in years past when the endowment made more interest and report this back to council
- c. Fr. Ev gave a very profound and deep thank-you to current and past councils for their commitment and efforts over the past 15 years.
- d. Bill Bergan recapped many of the improvements and accomplishments achieved during Fr. Ev's tenure at St. Thomas. We wish Fr. Ev many Blessings in his future
- e. Fr Ev going away party on July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Parish Council /Staff Picnic on July 20<sup>th</sup>

9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted; Patrick Clem