

**Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church
Parish Council – Minutes – Meeting #5
Thursday February 17, 2011
7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fr. Oldani Hall**

Agenda Item	Notes	Follow Up
Open Meeting	Meeting opened at 7:45 p.m.	
1. Opening Prayer	Offered by Elaine Latarski – the Prayer of St. Edmond of Canterbury.	Keep praying!
2. Roll Call	See below for attendance list, including excused absences .	
3. Approval of Minutes, January 2011	Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting was offered by Lydia Parmenter. Seconded by Elaine Latarski. Minutes approved with slight spelling changes.	
4. Approval of Meeting Agenda	Motion to accept the agenda was offered by Matt Hansen and seconded by Dawn Hallman. Agenda approved as presented by Kathy Hansen.	
5. New Business	Chris Frizzell reported on the Progressive Raffle currently underway at St. Sebastian. She distributed the rules and procedures being used to hold the month long raffle. No decision was made to pursue this as a possible fundraising activity for our parish.	
6. Old Business	<p>O'Meara Ferguson has not responded to our request for a face-to-face meeting to discuss their financial model. We are awaiting their response to our second request.</p> <p>The Youth Group is responsible for Donut Sunday & the 50/50 raffle this month during the weekend of February 26th/27th.</p> <p>Sales for the "After Mass Meals" taco dinner for February totaled \$300. Pizza Kits sales totaled \$550. Salsa sales totaled \$248.25. Total raised \$1,098.25!</p> <p>Problems were noted with keeping the floor clean in the parish halls during the winter months, especially after evening and weekend events.</p> <p>Kudos went to Don Sabourn (sp?) for his clean up and repair help around the parish.</p> <p>Archdiocese of Detroit requested 4 to 5 volunteers from each parish to participate in the "Together in Faith II" (TIP2) process. The TIP2 committee is meeting twice a month at St. Martha's to discuss the future of parishes within the Archdiocese of Detroit.</p>	<p>Attend Donut Sunday on February 27th.</p> <p>Please see Fr. Gerry or Cheryl if you're interested in participating in "Together in Faith II."</p>

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	Training sessions are scheduled for pastors to incorporate into the liturgy the new changes in the revised Roman Missal, 3 rd edition. The new missal is slated to roll out beginning with the 2010 Advent season.	
7. Vicariate Report	Fr. Gerry reported the Wayne-Westland vicariate meeting will be held next week.	
8. Pastor's Comments	Fr. Gerry commented that Fortunate Families enjoyed our parish hospitality last week during their evening meeting. The ACC (American Catholic Council) meeting will be in Detroit in June 2010. Our parish will be in the 2 nd flight of the new AOD Fundraising program. Fr. Gerry commented about that our parish is like a family – the entire parish – which is “as good as it gets.” “All of us should take heart of the joy we bring to each other. Thank you!”	Please plan to participate in the new parish fundraising program this spring.
9. Open Forum	Comments were made on the baskets placed out for Donut Sunday to collect donations. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of asking for donations during donut Sundays.	
10. Commission Reports	<p>Christian Service – Working on a “Troop Wish List” to send care packages to military overseas of “boodle” packages for Easter. The next blood drive is April 3rd.</p> <p>Education – Fundraiser will include “lamb butters” for Easter for about \$3.00. Looking to coordinate either board game nights or movie nights to coordinate with the “After Mass Meals” for adults and their children. On Thursday evening on March 31st we will host Bishop Gumbleton for an open Q & A forum; this will be announced in the vicariate newsletter. The PSR Confirmation retreat was a success. “How-To” survey will be going out after more consideration.</p> <p>Finance & Administration – See items above on fund raising. Working on the new sign; parish council members were asked for their input & a catalog of signs that might work for the parish. We are still working to arrange a dinner meeting with O’Meara Ferguson to ask questions about how they will use the data requested in their financial model.</p> <p>Worship – Finalized the 2011 Lent and Holy Week activities. Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday as follows:</p> <p>Mother Cabrini Guild – March 11th Teachers/PSR – March 18th The Choir – March 25th Reflections – Mary – 1st April St. Vincent de Paul – 8th Ushers – 15th April Youth Group – Good Friday</p>	<p>Plan to participate in the Troop Wish List!</p> <p>Look for the new “Lamb Butter” project during Lent.</p> <p>Suggestions for possible church signs requested. Send location information to either George Marvaso, Gwen Brooks, Kathy Hansen or Robin Wagner.</p> <p>Plan to attend the Stations of the Cross during Lent. See schedule to the left.</p>

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	<p>The baptismal candle is poured and ready to be decorated for Lent.</p> <p>Youth Report – Attended the Archdiocese of Detroit “Called to Serve” program, which teaches young adults how to keep children safe in the parish setting. The “Souper Bowl of Caring” raised \$180 which was donated to St. Vincent de Paul. This year’s Rainbows program was described as: “Awesome. We had a big Hawaiian guy who likes Oreos and spoke to us about faith while playing guitar.” There were a total of 2,400 youth in attendance with Archbishop Vigneron holding mass with the entire group. If we could’ve all only been there to witness this same “awesome” event....</p>	
11. Closing Prayer	The “Our Father,” “Hail Mary” and “Glory Be” were said along with a special petition to Ss. Simon & Jude to pray for us!	Keep praying!
<p><u>Future Agenda Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Parish Operational Procedures • Official Parish Prayer • Welcome Committee (possibly part of a new Parish Life Committee?) • Young Adult Programming (possibly part of a new Parish Life Committee?) – follow up after the March 2010 Vicariate meeting • Annual calendar planning, including planning for Advent and Lent • Grounds clean up-date – Winter 2011 – Decided at the March 2011 meeting 		

PARISH COUNCIL STAFF:

<i>Parish Council Staff</i>	<i>Staff Member</i>	√	<i>Term Expires</i>
Council Chairperson	Kathy Hansen	√	2011
Vice Chairperson	Gwen Brooks	EX	2011
Secretary	Robin Wagner	√	2011
Pastor	Fr. Gerry Bechard	√	

COMMISSION MEMBERS (1 year term; renewable for 1 year):

<i>Commission</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>	√	<i>Term Expires</i>
Christian Service	Alice Namovich	EX	2011
Education	Elaine Latarski	√	2011
Worship	Hank Johnson	ABS	2011
Youth	Matthew Hansen	√	2011
Finance & Administration	Gwen Brooks	EX	2011
Vicariate Representative	Joanne Vasely	Ex	NA
Back-up Vicariate Representative	TBD		NA

AT LARGE MEMBERS (3 year term; renewable after 3 years):

<i>Member Name</i>	√	<i>Term Expires</i>
Larry Fabrey	√	2013
Patricia Cain	ABS	2013
OPEN SEAT – (formerly Livio T.)	ABS	2013
Dawn Hallman	√	2012
Mickey Hansen	√	2012
Lydia Parmenter	√	2012
Chris Frizzell	√	2011

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

<i>Parishioner Name</i>
Cheryl Kaleniecki
MaryAnn Kocsis