

**Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church
Parish Council – Minutes – Meeting #4
Thursday January 20, 2011
7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fr. Oldani Hall**

Agenda Item	Notes	Follow Up
Open Meeting	Meeting opened at 7:46 p.m.	
1. Opening Prayer	Other Father was said by all present.	Keep praying!
1. Roll Call	See below. Discussion was held on selecting a replacement At-Large member.	
1. Approval of Minutes, Nov 2010	Motion to accept the minutes were accepted first by Chris Frizzle and a seconded by Matt Hansen. Minutes approved.	
1. Approval of Meeting Agenda	The agenda was accepted by Mickey Hansen and seconded by Gwen Brooks. Agenda approved.	
1. New Business	None.	
1. Old Business	<p>The work on the financial model and the inventory is complete. We are scheduling a meeting with O'Meara Ferguson to ask additional questions, as to what our liabilities and risk, and also ask questions about participating with the new fund raising campaign.</p> <p>Parish Council is responsible for the Donut Sunday this month, which will include a 50/50 drawing. Donut pick-up and beverage donations were discussed. Discussion was held to NOT ask for a donation during the Donut Sunday as the donuts are purchased using parish funds.</p> <p>After Mass Meals this Saturday evening will now include a 50/50 drawing. See the parish bulletin for more information.</p>	Parish Council will be debriefed on the outcome of the meeting with O'Meara Ferguson.
1. Vicariate Report	No report this month.	
1. Pastor's Comments	<p>Fr. Gerry discussed two future parish activities with Fortunate Families. The first activity is a GLBT informational meeting designed to help families address GLBT issues. Second is the Fortunate Families board meeting scheduled for June 2011.</p> <p>It was noted that 30% of all suicides are related to sexuality issues. Fortunate Families promotes healing and wholeness through education and information sharing.</p> <p>Fr. Gerry thanked again everyone who participated in the World AIDS Day mass and remembrance, especially the Youth Group.</p>	
1. Open Forum	None.	

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<p>1. Commission Reports</p>	<p>Christian Service – Discussed how to expand outreach to the community and how to extend invitations to St. Richard’s parishioners to participate in our Parish meetings and activities.</p> <p>Education/PSR – There are 4 children enrolled in kindergarten. There will be 10 Easter baptism. There will be 8 first communion candidates and 13 confirmation candidates. Want to expand outreach and a how-to program on ideas and suggestions to create a new “How-To” program for others to learn new skills (cooking, sewing, science projects for children) to invite new people into the parish. A survey will be going out to parishioners and the community as to the kinds of things people would like to learn. Comment was made out the efforts in Nor-Wayne to engage the community as reported by Hank Johnson.</p> <p>Finance & Administration – Discussed the O’Meara Ferguson project; we are arranging for a meeting with them and the AOD. Also working on the road sign project and prototypes. Kroger fundraising project netted \$80 with 25 parishioners signed up. We also have a similar fundraising program Meijer. Additional communication will be in the bulletin to encourage others to participate in the Meijer and Kroger programs. The first \$2,229 for the first Charity Poker session this year. Looking at brick pavers fundraising for the Stations of the Cross area.</p> <p>Worship – Discussed Advent activities, including the Advent Reflections. Christmas masses were well attended except for Christmas day. The Children’s Mass and Midnight mass was well attended. Preparing for Lent. Working on the Stations of the Cross, including individual reflections on the last Friday of Lent. The World AIDS Day celebration was well attended and appreciated by the Community. Recently Fr. Gerry received a letter thanking us for our warmth and welcoming atmosphere from the AIDS director at Wayne State University. Next year the AOD plans to expand their AIDS outreach and advertising next year. Hank Johnson presented the Parish with his book documenting the activity.</p> <p>Youth Report – Santa Breakfast was well attended and all had a good time. This Sunday the Youth Group will be going to service training to help interaction with younger children. Youth working with Youth are required to take this training with the AOD. The “Souper Bowl of Caring” is the first weekend February; donations to ST. Vincent de Paul; this needs to be announced in the bulletin. Rainbows is coming up the weekend of February 14th.</p> <p>Questions were raised about whether or not Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend AOD youth training.</p>	<p>Please sign up for the Kroger or Meijer rewards programs.</p> <p>Your purchases will help our parish.</p> <p>Sign-up information will be published again in a future parish bulletin.</p>

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1. Closing Prayer	All present said the "Hail Mary" and "The Glory Be" before ending the meeting at 8:40 p.m.	Keep praying!
<p>Future Agenda Items:</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 		

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	√	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	√	2011
Youth	Matthew Hansen	√	2011
Finance & Administration	Gwen Brooks	√	2011
Vicariate Representative	Joanne Vasely	√	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	EX	2013
Livio T.	ABS	2013
Dawn Hallman	√	2012
Mickey Hansen	√	2012
Lydia Parmenter	√	2012
Chris Frizzell	√	2011

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

<i>Parishioner Name</i>
Joe Kocsis
MaryAnn Kocsis
Alan Knight

George Marvaso