

**Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church
Parish Council – Minutes – Meeting #6
Thursday March 17, 2011
7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fr. Oldani Hall**

Agenda Item	Notes	Follow Up
Open Meeting	Meeting opened at 7:51 p.m.	
1. Opening Prayer	“The 10 Commandments for the Irish” was offered by Chris Frizzell.	Keep praying!
2. Roll Call	See below.	
3. Approval of Minutes, February 2011	Chris Frizzell moved to accept the minutes. Larry Fabrey seconded the minutes. Minutes were accepted with small changes.	Robin Wagner will have the minutes posted to on the note board in the gathering area.
4. Approval of Meeting Agenda	Gwen Brooks accepted the agenda. Dawn Hallman seconded. The agenda was accepted as presented by Kathy Hansen.	
5. New Business	<p>Roy Harris from Townsend Signs presented options for new parish sign for consideration by the Parish Council. Townsend Signs has been providing signs to businesses in southeastern Michigan since 1930. His presentation provided many ideas for the kind of sign that might be appropriate for our parish, including an example of a before-and-after sign display for a parish in Woodhaven.</p> <p>A vote was held to determine if the parish should file an application with the City of Westland to install a sign outside the parish. The group voted on the following:</p> <p>“That we want a new sign (digital or otherwise) and that we authorize Fr. Gerry and other parish members to go to the City of Westland first to determine if we can install such a sign.”</p> <p>The vote was ten votes for with one abstention.</p> <p>As more information is available it will be shared with the rest of the Parish.</p> <p>Parish Grounds clean up: Saturday April 9th with a back-up date of April 16th at 10:00 a.m. This will be announced in the parish bulletin.</p> <p>Parish Council elections are held on June 4th and 5th of June. By the 15th of May we need nominations. This also needs to be announced in the bulletin. We need a youth rep and two at-large member. The newly elected parish council members run the election (Larry Fabrey and Patricia Cain will run the election, take names and check on nominations).</p> <p>Confirmation is scheduled for the 22nd of May.</p>	

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6. Old Business	<p>Due to Holy Week activities, the next parish council meeting will be scheduled for Thursday April 14th.</p> <p>We've been assigned a representative from O'Meara Ferguson to assist with the new fund raising project. We are attempting to arrange to have him attend the April 14th Parish Council meeting. The new fund raising project will start in the Fall 2011.</p>	
7. Vicariate Report	<p>The Archdiocese of Detroit activity "Phase II of Together In Faith" is underway. A team of four to six parish members are needed to attend the bi-monthly meetings that will meet twice a month with the AOD.</p> <p>Kathy Hansen volunteered to lead the group. Suggestion was made to rotate individuals given the frequency of required meetings. Volunteers included Mickey Hansen, Gwen Brooks, Hank Johnson, Dawn Hallman and George Marvaso.</p> <p>The next "Together in Faith II" meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 5th at St. Martha's parish.</p>	
8. Pastor's Comments	<p>Fr. Gerry discussed the O'Meara Ferguson project. He also shared his perspective on the decision making processes at the Archdiocese of Detroit level. Fr. Gerry stressed that we need to participate in "Together in Faith II" an active way which demonstrates our commitment to living out the Gospel at Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Parish.</p>	
9. Open Forum	<p>None, due to time constraints.</p>	
10. Commission Reports	<p>Christian Service – Hank Johnson reported on the Nor-Wayne Community Garden project, which will include our Youth Group, the Red Wagon, the St. Vincent DePaul and the Christian Service Committee. Also discussed was taking up a collection to support the recovery efforts in Japan. The funds will be sent directly to the International Red Cross in Japan instead of to the Archdiocese of Detroit.</p> <p>Education – Generated ideas for the "How-to" idea survey for education. Also thinking of a trivial pursuit night. Finally – also having Bishop Gumbleton on the March 31st for an open forum; light beverages and finger food donations are greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Worship – Lenten activities are underway. Holy Thursday and Palm Sunday activities are ready, including promotional materials. Need volunteers. Planning meeting during part of the summer to examine the changing liturgy and prepare the parish for those changes.</p> <p>Youth Report – Attended the "Wee Care" Baby Shower and donated gifts to the shower using the pop bottle returns. The group is planning new volunteer activities. The group is now publishing a weekly column in the parish bulletin featuring activities and youth profiles. The group is planning to participate in the Nor-Wayne community garden project. This</p>	

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	<p>year the “Bunny Breakfast” will now be “Patty’s Lucky Pancake Breakfast” and will be held this Sunday after mass. Planning a Youth Group Fun Day at the Electric Stick. Currently rehearsing for the Tenebrae services and the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday.</p> <p>Finance and Administration – Pro/con sign discussion was held. Discussed O’Meara Ferguson fundraising and CSA fund raises fund raising. A total of \$289 was generated by the last “After Mass Meals” activity. Meals will resume in May (Sloppy Joes and Mac n’ Cheese). Charity Poker raised over \$4,300 last weekend.</p>	
11. Closing Prayer	All present recited the “Our Father,” “Hail Mary” and “Glory Be” plus a special petition for Ss. Simon & Jude to pray for us!	Keep praying!
Future Agenda Items:		
<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 – Fall 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	✓	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	√	2013
OPEN SEAT – (formerly Livio T.)	NA	2013
Dawn Hallman	√	2012
Mickey Hansen	√	2012
Lydia Parmenter	√	2012
Chris Frizzell	√	2011

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

<i>Parishioner Name</i>
Cheryl Kaleniecki
MaryAnn Kocsis
Doug Vega
Alan Knight
George Marvaso