

**Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church
Parish Council – Minutes – Meeting #2 - FINAL
Thursday October 20, 2011
7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fr. Oldani Hall**

Agenda Item	Notes	Follow Up
Open Meeting	Meeting opened at 7:48 p.m.	
1. Opening Prayer	The “Our Father” was recited by all present as the opening prayer for this meeting.	
1. Roll Call	Roll call was taken as noted below.	
1. Approval of Minutes, Sept. '11	Motion was made by Mickey Hansen to approve the minutes. First by Dawn Hallman. Second by Patricia Cain. Minutes were approved with added comments regarding the Parish Grounds Clean-Up – which will be held on October 29 th at 10 a.m. with a rain date of November 12 th . In the future the Fall clean-up will always be held on the 2 nd Saturday of the month.	Parish grounds clean-up is scheduled for Saturday October 30 th with an alternative date of Saturday November 12 th . The October 30 th page needs to be announced at mass this weekend!
1. Approval of Meeting Agenda	Motion by Mickey Hansen was made to adopt the agenda. First by Larry Fabrey. Second by Dawn Hallman. Agenda was approved for this evening’s meeting.	Robin Wagner will post the approved minutes to the bulletin board in the gathering area.

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1. Old Business	<p>Commission Elections – The status of the election of representatives is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education – Under discussion • Worship – Under discussion • Youth Group - Tyler Demaree • Finance & Administration – Under discussion • Christian Service – Under discussion <p>Changing Lives Together – Gwen Brooks reported that the Advance Commitment gathering netted 15 commitment pledges. Commitment cards will be distributed to the entire parish this weekend. The plan is to have the cards distributed after the homily while Gwen gives directions on how to complete the commitment card. Discussion was also held on how to collect the completed cards from parishioners after the cards are completed.</p> <p>Together in Faith – Attendees reported on the last meeting centered on the financial support of K-12 Catholic Schools. There was discussion on subsidizing attendance. We are due a copy of the final report and the meetings have wrapped up for this phase of Together in Faith.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the recent loss of priests in the Archdiocese and the negative impact on parishes and priest-parish workload.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the number and kind of parishes included in the Together in Faith. St. Richards has already decided to merge with St. Mary's and is no longer a participant in the Together in Faith process.</p> <p>Participants described the process as being duplicative and without transparency regarding the final status of parishes.</p> <p>Participants also described the directive for parishioners to attend the parish in their boundary, even if that parish does not meet their needs.</p>	<p>Gwen Brooks will put a notice in the bulletin to recruit commentators, lectors, EMEs and altar servers, as many inquired how to help the parish during their Changing Lives Together</p>

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<p>1. New Business</p>	<p>Church sign presentation was made by George Marvaso and our guest from Townsend Signs, Roy Harris.</p> <p>George Marvaso discussed the status of the permit issued by the City of Westland, which will permit the Parish to erect a digital sign on the premises. George also expressed his desire to lead this project, should the project be given the go-ahead by the Parish Council. George also suggested that the Parish's Charity Poker could pay for the sign. George also noted that advertisement is just as important in a 'down' economy as well as in a good economy. George has also explored the masonry and electrical work needs for installing a sign.</p> <p>A decision needs to be made on the financing of any sign the Parish decides to erect on Palmer. A decision needs to be made on whether or not to have a sign and whether or not the LED or non-LED advantages.</p> <p>A short clip from the last Oprah Winfrey show was show on her comments on listening to the "whispers in your life" and letting God in when spreading God's word.</p> <p>Many Parish Council members expressed the need for the sign. Others mentioned the Changing Lives Together fundraising program and the need to replace the air conditioning in main sanctuary. Many mentioned the need to advertise our location better. Comments were made on how stretched the Parish is to raise funds to support a sign, let alone other financial needs within the parish.</p> <p>Consensus was reached by all present that the parish needs a sign.</p> <p>Note: This is different from the decision made in June 2011. In June 2011 the Parish Council voted to seek a permit from the City of Westland for a sign. That permit is approved and active with the city through April 20, 2012.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the pros and cons of LED and non-LED signs. Suggestion was made to link this to the Changing Lives Together campaign. Suggestion was made to have a special meeting on October 30th – after "Donut Sunday" – to explain the sign project to parishioners.</p>	<p>A special meeting will be held during the Sunday October 30th Donut Sunday to obtain parishioner participation in the Parish Signage Project and its connection to Changing Lives Together.</p>
<p>1. Commission Reports</p>	<p>Christian Service – Due to the discussion of the Parish signage project there is no report at this time.</p> <p>Education - Due to the discussion of the Parish signage project there is no report at this time.</p> <p>Worship – Due to the discussion of the Parish signage project there is no report at this time.</p> <p>Youth Group Report – Due to the discussion of the Parish signage project there is no report at this time.</p> <p>Finance and Administration – Due to the discussion of the Parish signage project there is no report at this time.</p>	<p>Commission members were asked to submit any reports electronically to Robin Wagner via e-mail.</p>

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1. Vicariate Report	No report at this time.	
1. Pastor's Comments	Fr. Gerry expressed his appreciation of everyone's thorough discussion of the parish signage project and everyone's efforts to keep the parish active and vibrant and an important fixture of the Wayne-Westland Community.	Parish grounds clean-up is scheduled for Saturday October 30 th with an alternative date of November 12 th .
1. Closing Prayer	The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. after saying the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" and "The Glory Be." St. Simon & Jude: "Pray for us!"	Everyone: keep praying for the health of our Parish!
Future Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Council Officer Elections • Updates on Changing Lives Together and Together in Faith II • Review of Parish Operational Procedures and New Archdiocese guidelines (Robin Wagner) • Official Parish Prayer • New Parish Welcome Committee (possibly part of a new Parish Life Committee?) • Grounds clean up-date – Spring 2012 – date dependent on Easter, First Communion and Confirmations • Grounds clean up-date - Fall 2012 – 2nd Saturday of September 		

PARISH COUNCIL STAFF (1 year term; renewable for 1 year):

<i>Parish Council Staff</i>	<i>Staff Member</i>	√	<i>Term Expires</i>
Council Chairperson*	Kathy Hansen	Ex	2012
Vice Chairperson	Mickey Hansen	√	2012
Secretary	Robin Wagner	√	2012
Pastor	Fr. Gerry Bechard	√	

Note: “*” this appointment is a one-year exception to the Parish Council by-laws

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

<i>Commission</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>	√	<i>Term Expires</i>
Christian Service	TBD	NA	2012
Education	TBD	NA	2012
Worship	TBD	NA	2012
Youth	Tyler Dimery	√	2012
Finance & Administration	TBD	NA	2012
Vicariate Representative	Joanne Vasely	Ex.	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
Mary Montgomery	√	2013
Dawn Hallman	√	2012
Mickey Hansen	√	2012
Lydia Parmenter	√	2012
Joe Randazzo	√	2014

OTHERS IN

<i>Parishioner Name</i>
Mary Ann Kocsis
George Marvaso
Cheryl Kaleniecki
Chris Frizzell
Gwen Brooks

ATTENDANCE: