

**Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church
Parish Council – Minutes – Meeting #1
Thursday September 15, 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 second reading from the 25 th Sunday in Ordinary time was read for silent reflection. Brief discussion was held on the 2 nd reading and how it affects our life as Christians and members of Ss. Simon & Jude.	Keep praying!
1. Roll Call	See list below.	
1. Approval of Minutes, May '11	Motion was put forth by Kathy Hansen to approve the minutes as presented by Robin Wagner. Moved first by Chris Frizzell and second by Larry Fabrey. Minutes approved.	Robin Wagner will post the approved minutes in the church foyer.
1. Approval of Meeting Agenda	Motion was put forth by Kathy Hansen to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Moved first by Margaret Reyez and second by Lydia Parmenter. Agenda adopted as presented for the Parish Council meeting.	
1. Old Business	<p><u>Changing Lives Together</u> - The next meeting is Tuesday September 20th. Volunteers are requested to contact parishioners to share information about the Changing Lives Together program. A pre-written phone script provided. Volunteers will not be requesting but asking for parishioners to read and consider the Changing Lives Together program materials. Please contact Mickey Hansen if you're available to make phone calls on behalf of Ss. Simon & Jude.</p> <p><u>Together in Faith II</u> – Mary Ann Kocsis discussed the changes recently made by the Archdiocese of Detroit to the structure of each Parish Council, which includes the creation of a new Finance Parish Council in each parish. Also each parish is required to create both an Evangelization Commission and a Vocation Commission. Finally, the Archdiocese is collecting statistics on the activities within our parish.</p>	

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1. New Business	<p>Parish Council Elections:</p> <p>Commission leaders were selected as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Education – Elaine Latarski Worship – TBD Youth Group – TBD Finance & Administration – TBD</p> <p>The group discussed the pros and cons of a one year waiver to the term of the Parish Council President. Consensus was achieved to allow a waiver for one year and re-visit the issue again in September 2012.</p> <p>Parish Council Staff were selected as follows:</p> <p>Kathy Hansen was elected to a one year term as Parish Council President. Mickey Hansen was elected to a one year term as Vice President. Robin Wagner was re-elected to a one term as the Parish Council secretary.</p> <p>Robin Wagner reported that the Parish Council will need to approve revised bylaws – as the current bylaws are out-of-date given the new AOD Parish Handbook. Patricia Cain volunteered to help with this task. Please contact Robin Wagner if you would like to work on this short term project.</p>	<p>The following commissions will need to elect parish council representatives in October 2011: Worship Youth Group Finance/ Administration</p> <p>Parishioners who would like to work on revising the Parish by-laws should contact Robin Wagner.</p>

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<p>1. Commission Reports</p>	<p>Christian Service – Conducting another “Troop Boodle” (Care Packages) in September 2011. A donations list will be distributed after the upcoming masses. The Anointing Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday October 16th. The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on Wednesday October 4th in the Parish parking lot.</p> <p>Education – Pre-class enrollment is low for PSR. Most student enrollment occurs during the first week of classes.</p> <p>Worship – Advent planning is underway. Discussion held on the new liturgy (1st Sunday of Advent) and incorporating new music into our liturgy. The 1st volume of the new Sacramentary will be available to parish priests – four volumes total. Education will be provided to parishioners to assist with the transition to the new liturgy.</p> <p>The AIDS worship service will be Thursday December 1st and will include Jewish, Islamic and other religious representatives. The service will include both liturgical dance and different worship styles. Planning meetings will be held on Saturdays at 10 a.m. starting on the 2nd Saturday in October.</p> <p>Youth Group Report – The Pumpkin Fest will be October 22nd. The Pancake Breakfast will be October 23rd and will support of the Changing Lives Together program. The Diabetes Walk will be October 25th. Youth Group members plan to visit two former youth group members who are currently attending Central Michigan University.</p> <p>Finance and Administration – Discussion was held on the new Parish Finance Council structure, as presented in the new Archdiocese of Detroit Parish Handbook. Discussion also held on the state of the air conditioning units in the Sanctuary and in the Rectory. Discussion was also held on the Parish signage project. The next Parish Council meeting will include a presentation by George Marvaso on possibilities to improve property signage and the visibility of the parish from Palmer Road.</p>	<p>Troop Boodle project donations requested</p> <p>Anointing Services October 16th</p> <p>Blessing of the Animals is October 4th</p> <p>AIDS Worship Service December 1st</p> <p>Youth Group Pumpkin Fest October 22nd</p> <p>Youth Group Pancake Breakfast October 23rd</p> <p>Youth Group Diabetes Walk October 25th</p>
<p>1. Vicariate Report</p>	<p>No report at this time.</p>	
<p>1. Pastor’s Comments</p>	<p>Parish grounds clean-up is scheduled for Saturday November 5th.</p> <p>This parish gives me life and we all manage despite the burdens and demands placed on us by the Archdiocese of Detroit. The annual priest convocation will be held this fall – where there will be discussion on the wellbeing of the pastors working in the Archdiocese. Please remember to be life giving to each other and to yourselves as we enter in to another busy year of parish activities.</p>	<p>Parish grounds clean-up is scheduled for Saturday November 5th. Back-up date is November 12/13th.</p>
<p>1. Closing Prayer</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. after saying the “Our Father.” St. Jude: “Pray for us!”</p>	<p>Keep praying!</p>

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Future Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parish Council Officer Elections• Welcome new Council Members• Updates on Changing Lives Together and Together in Faith II• Review of Parish Operational Procedures and New Archdiocese guidelines• Official Parish Prayer• New Parish Welcome Committee (possibly part of a new Parish Life Committee?)• Grounds clean up-date – Winter 2011		

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	√	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	Alice Namovich	√	2011
Education	Elaine Latarski	Ex	2011
Worship	Hank Johnson	√	2011
Youth	Tyler Dimery	√	2011
Finance & Administration	Gwen Brooks	Ex	2011
Vicariate Representative	Joanne Vasely	√	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 ATTENDANCE:

<i>Parishioner Name</i>
Mary Ann Kocsis
George Marvaso
P: Margaret Reyez L
Alan Knight
Doug Vogt