

**Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church  
Parish Council – Minutes – Meeting #1  
Thursday September 16, 2010  
7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Fr. Oldani Hall**

Agenda Item	Notes	Follow Up
Open Meeting	Meeting opened 7:50 p.m.	
1. Opening Prayer	Amen!	Keep praying!
1. Roll Call	See below.	
1. Approval of Minutes, May 2010	Gwen, approved. Kathy, seconded	
1. Approval of Meeting Agenda	Gwen, approved Mickey, seconded	
1. New Business	<p>Two representatives from O'Meara Ferguson discussed their work with the Archdiocese of Detroit and the new capital campaign and plans for the loan deposit program (LPD). The goal across the AOD is \$135 million. This program does not supplant the CSA program. They also discussed the ten year parish plan – and handed out template for the parish to complete – that needs to be returned 30 days from today.</p> <p>Concerns expressed that the AOD target projects do not benefit our extended community. Concerns expressed that the AOD doesn't understand the economic conditions of the State of Michigan and how the AOD's mishandling of financial resources negatively affects parishes. Concerns expressed on the Archdiocese's dependence on accessing the municipal bond market to raise activities.</p> <p>New Commission Elections: Christian Service: Alice Namovich Education: TBD Finance: Gwen Brooks Worship: TBD Youth Rep: Matthew Hansen</p> <p>Fall Parish Clean Up: 1<sup>st</sup> Date October 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Date November 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>NEED TO ELECT EDUCATOIN AND WORSHIP COMMISSION MEMBERS</p> <p>NEED TO ELECT NEW SECRETARY</p> <p>PARISH CLEAN UP SATURDAY OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 A.M.</p>
1. Old Business	<p>Discussion on the Jack of Spades Raffle was postponed to the next meeting.</p> <p>A new cleaning group may be forming on either the second or third Thursday of the month. Please contact Johanna Gajda if you would like to help.</p>	

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1. Vicariate Report	<p>Our parish is a member of a Vicariate collaboration of four parishes: St. Mary's, St. Richards, Holy Family (Inkster) and Ss. Simon/Jude.</p> <p>Holy Family was included so they may participate in our food bank program.</p> <p>Discussion on the bulk purchase of office supplies between the four parishes.</p> <p>This year Holy Family will have its parishioners attend our RCIA classes at our parish. Their parishioners will still receive the sacraments at their home parish.</p> <p>A new Archdiocese Parish Council handbook will be coming out by December 2010.</p> <p>Discussion on the bulk purchase of office supplies between the four parishes.</p> <p>Planning now for CYO, Rainbows and various youth related events in the Vicariate.</p>	
1. Pastor's Comments	Fr. Gerry made comments on Archdiocese operations, our current parish debt/loan and the effort required to take care of the parish and its community.	
1. Open Forum	Omitted due to the presentation by O'Meara Ferguson and to allow enough time for commission reports.	

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1. Commission Reports	<p>Christian Service: November 14<sup>th</sup> - Blood Drive. October 19<sup>th</sup> is the Anointing Service @ 11:00 a.m. with lunch following the service.</p> <p>Education: Attorney Miles Hamm will be speak on health issues &amp; the law on Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Possible peace &amp; justice seminar with Bishop Gumbleton. Possible presentation on the Muslim faith. Awaiting our parish Confirmation from the AOD. PSR starts on Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p>Youth Group – grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>: Attending Greenfield Village Trick o’ Treating and pumpkin carving. Planning a fall canoe trip. The Youth Group volunteered at St. Mary’s Food and clothing bank. The Youth Group will volunteer again this fall.</p> <p>Worship: Planning Advent and Christmas Services. Planning the Anointing, Blessing and Reconciliation Services (December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>).</p> <p>Finance &amp; Administration: Discussed details of the AOD fundraising and LDP plans with O’Meara Ferguson representatives. Pizza Kits – revenues will be sold to support the Religious Education student tuition and program expenses, with left over funds to go toward the parish repairs. Sale dates are October 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup>.</p>	PLAN TO ATTEND ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES DECEMBER 2 <sup>ND</sup> AT 6:30 P.M. AND DECEMBER 13 <sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 P.M.
1. Closing Prayer	All present said the “Our Father,” “Hail Mary” and the “Glory Be” before ending the meeting at 9:00 p.m.	Keep praying!
<p><b>Future Agenda Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Parish Operational Procedures</li> <li>• Official Parish Prayer</li> <li>• Welcome Committee (possibly part of a new Parish Life Committee?)</li> <li>• Young Adult Programming (possibly part of a new Parish Life Committee?) – follow up after the March 2010 Vicariate meeting</li> <li>• Scheduling future parish council elections</li> <li>• Annual calendar planning, including planning for Advent and Lent</li> <li>• Grounds clean up-date – Winter 2011</li> </ul>		

**PARISH COUNCIL STAFF:**

<i>Parish Council Staff</i>	<i>Staff Member</i>	√	<i>Term Expires</i>
Council Chairperson (2 yr term)	Kathy Hansen	√	2011
Vice Chairperson (3 year term)	Mickey Hansen	√	2012
Secretary (1 year term)	INTERIM – 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	TBD	NA	2011
Worship	TBD	NA	2011
Youth	Matthew Hansen	√	2011
Finance & Administration	Gwen Brooks	√	2011
Vicariate Representative	Joann 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
Livio ?	√	2013
Dawn Hallman	√	2012
Lydia Parmenter	√	2012
Chris Frizzell	√	2011

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

George Marvaso
Margaret Reyez
Cheryl Kaleniecki
Adeline McCusker