

**MINUTES**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CHRIST THE KING CHURCH**  
**7:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2011**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Central Staff--Fr. Dexter Brewer, Bob True, Christine Caron Gebhardt, Kathy Skinner; Executive Committee—Lucia Huskey, Nancy Rohling, Jeanne Stejskal (Finance Board Chair), Brett Wesnofske (Campus Committee Chair); Elected/Appointed Parishioners—Patout Burns, Terry Casey, Cindy Lybarger, Thomas Meyer; Parish Ministry Representatives—John Green (Room in the Inn), Janet Morgan (Respect Life), Pat Watson (Knights of Columbus), Mary Ann Wieck (Women’s Council).

**ABSENT:** Mike Clepper, Michele Johnson, Dave Lybarger, Andy McKenzie, Patrick Pruett, Richard Rodgers, Deacon Jim Stanford, Peace through Justice Representative, Cursillo Representative, Stewardship Representative, Youth Group Representative.

Fr. Dexter opened the meeting with (1) a prayer and scripture reading, followed by reflection and discussion. The agenda also included (2) approval of the minutes of the last meeting, (3) update on the Building project, (4) update on Parish finances, (5) update on Campaign and Building costs; (6) input from the Council on the budget; (7) reports from Ministries, (8) old business; (9) new business.

(2) Approval of the January 12, 2011, minutes was requested; Thomas Meyer motioned to approve; his motion was seconded; and the minutes were duly accepted by the Council.

(3) Brett Wesnofske, Campus Committee Chair, updated the Council on our Building project. Currently the project is on budget and on schedule. The new building should be ready to move into by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Because things have run so smoothly, with no significant changes along the way, we are actually ahead of schedule. Brett highlighted upcoming events – scaffolding will come down in front of the building in only a few days, landscaping will begin soon after, masonry will be complete in a couple of weeks, tile and painting is underway in the downstairs rooms.

Brett brought up one possible change in the initial plan. The original intention was to upgrade the Room-in-the-Inn area downstairs, and throughout this past winter RII was temporarily held in the West Wing area of the Parish Hall. John Green spoke about how much better the program ran using Parish Hall facilities. It was a much more friendly, more comfortable area, and the volunteers loved it as well. They were able to have more activities because of the additional space, and our guests did not feel like they were being herded into the basement, but instead allowed to use this much more enjoyable space. Brett explained how funds originally budgeted for renovations downstairs can instead be used to improve the furnishings and Parish Hall space for everyone’s enjoyment, including a large screen, wall-mounted television. The consensus of the Council members was that this is a good idea.

(4) Jeanne Stejskal, Finance Board Chair, reported that nine months into the fiscal year, at the end of March 2011, the church has surplus funds of about \$62,000. Collections at this time are lower than hoped for, but higher than this time last year. The school’s deficit of about \$48,000 is primarily due to fundraisers that have generated less than expected (partially due to construction going on). The school is looking into other ideas to make this up. There is a surplus from previous years to cover this deficit if necessary. The Finance Board agreed to use \$300,000 operating cash to fund the capital project before using any interim financing from

the Diocese. This will help minimize interest costs and still leave enough of an operating cash balance to cover about six months worth of parish expenses.

(5) The building project started with a \$4 million goal, but with approval of Phase 2, the goal was increased to about \$5.5 million. To date we have \$4,161,565 in pledges and have collected \$2,387,860 of that amount. There is an ongoing effort to raise additional pledges for the project, headed by Valerie and Brian Cooper. We continue to save tens of thousands of dollars in sales taxes due to our in-house processing of all vendor payments.

(6) Fr. Dexter explained that we are currently working on the budget for 2011-2012. Each department/area of the church and school prepares its own budget, and this system seems to be working out well. Fr. Dexter invited any comments or input from the Council on this process.

(7) Reports from Ministries:

Patout Burns reported that the Young Professionals Group is growing and thriving. This group of 20- and 30-somethings meets on the first and third Sunday of each month, after the 6 pm Mass, and they invite all interested to join the group for community and fellowship.

Bob True explained that the RCIA program has six individuals coming into the church at Easter...three catechumens and three candidates. Kathy Skinner added that she has three young catechumens through PREP also coming in at Easter. Patout Burns recommended that we consider recognizing during Easter season those who have come into the church at other times throughout the year.

Kathy Skinner also reported that there is a significant growth in the number of children participating in the various PREP programs. This includes the Nursery which at times must turn away infants and toddlers on Sunday.

(8) Old Business:

Pat Watson spoke about recent Knights of Columbus activities, including the St. Patrick's Breakfast and the Lenten Fish Fry. The breakfast was not as well-attended as the fish fry, but even the fish fry barely broken even. The Knights are looking to host activities that will serve the community while at the same time generate funds with which they can satisfy their pledge to the building fund.

Nancy Rohling mentioned the ongoing attempt to collect new Parish Registration forms from all parishioners. This project will help us determine a more accurate count of our membership.

Fr. Dexter mentioned that the "We Miss You" program has been very successful. A series of five weekly sessions for those interested will begin May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Nancy E. Rohling  
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