

**Our Lady on the River Parish Council Minutes
Monday, February 8, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Fr. Jim Lopez	David Schwehofer (Pres.)	Stephanie Spencer
Fr. Matt Ellis	Mary Patrick (V-Pres.)	Charles Ongena
Sr. Mary Ann Ankoviak, CSJ	Catherine Nutter (Sec.)	Bev Simon

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Barbara Persyn

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sr. Geraldine Arnold	Bobbi Ivan	Terry Ongena
Judy Beauvais	Paul Ivan	Shelee Schwehofer
Mary Endres	Pam LaBelle	Margie Smith

OPENING Fr. Jim opened the meeting in prayer at 6:46.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES After David clarified a typographical error, Mary Patrick motioned to approve the January minutes; Stephanie Spencer seconded; all assented.

VICARIATE PARISH COUNCIL Bobbi Ivan reported on the Blue Water Vicariate January 13th VPC meeting:

1. Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Membership: Following a presentation on the new Archdiocesan Pastoral Council structure, the Vicar was asked to submit to the Archbishop the names and biographies/resumes of nominees to represent the Vicariate on this new council. Nominees to be considered must meet the following criteria:

- Will be a fully initiated, active, practicing Catholic in good standing and a member of a parish.
- Will have experience in strategic planning, either in the work place, in the parish, or as a volunteer.
- Will be a current or past member of their Parish Pastoral Council or Vicariate Pastoral Council.
- Will have participated in the "Together in Faith" Pastoral Planning process with either their parish or their vicariate.
- Will have an understanding of archdiocesan structures such as the Central Service offices, Vicariate and Parish Pastoral Councils, Presbyteral Council, etc.
- Will be willing to commit to serving on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council for two years.
- Will have the endorsement of their Vicar and Vicariate Pastoral Council.

2. Financial Support for Young Adult/Campus Minister: The young adult/campus minister, Eric Coules, has requested funding from the Vicariate. He will prepare a proposal to be reviewed at the next VPC meeting.

3. The Vicariate budget needs to be reviewed to reflect current requirements. A budget committee will meet to determine criteria and guidelines prior to February's VPC meeting.

4. Publishing "The Drift" More Often: A request was made to publish "The Drift" on a monthly schedule (instead of bi-monthly) in order to provide more timely information; Fr. Joe will follow-up with the Vicariate clergy.

5. Financial Support for Career Transition Ministry: John Magesti from the Career Transition Ministry would like the vicariate to support this ministry financially. Fr. Joe recommended that he prepare a proposal for review and discussion at a future VPC meeting.

Once approved, the complete minutes are available on the Vicariate website, <http://www.bluewatervicariate.org/>

AUDIENCE ADDRESS

1. Painting at Holy Cross: David S. spoke on behalf of a parishioner and asked Fr. Jim to explain the details about the painting of the walls at Holy Cross church.

Fr. Jim said all the colors would be matched and that none of the detail work would be affected.

2. Holy Cross Sound System: Mary Patrick spoke on behalf of some parishioners who said that they could not hear the reader at the lectern.

Fr. Jim said the microphone at the ambo needs to be replaced. He added that it's difficult to get the volume levels appropriate because the speakers are hard to hear in the Sacristy.

Mary wondered if an additional speaker could be placed on the altar itself so that the people sitting on the altar can hear.

3. Parish Council Minutes: Mary Patrick spoke on behalf of some parishioners who said that they would like to have the PC minutes posted for the public to read.

Fr. Jim said that copies of the minutes should be put in the vestibules.

4. Updating the Website: Bobbi Ivan asked if steps were being taken to update and maintain the parish's website. Catherine Nutter added that she and Bobbi had spoken with Chris Woelkers and that he would be willing to volunteer his time to maintain the site.

Fr. Jim told Catherine and Bobbi to have Chris contact the office.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Painting of Holy Cross: Fr. Jim reported that the painters would be working on the church for the month of February. He commented that, at their current pace, they might be done in just a couple of weeks.

2. Sewer Problem at Holy Cross Site: There is an object obstructing the pipes somewhere underneath the church. Removing the item may be expensive (and unpleasant smelling).

COMMISSION REPORTS No reports were given.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fire Alarm at Holy Cross: David Schweihofer asked about the status of the fire alarm.

Fr. Jim reported that a company would be coming in on February 18th. The current system is 20 years old and out-of-date. The reason that it has not been working is because it's broken; it had not been disconnected.

2. St. Mark Spring Cleaning: Stephanie Spencer asked for an update about the scheduling of St. Mark's cleaning.

Fr. Jim said that they will be taking more bids, but it was definitely going to take place in the spring.

3. Holy Cross Railing: David asked if anything further had been decided regarding adding on a railing to the Holy Cross ambo.

Fr. Jim said that it is a big concern. Mary Patrick and Margie Smith mentioned the names of the people who had done the work in the past and some who might be able to do the work presently.

NEW BUSINESS/MEMBER REPORTS No new business; no member reports.

CONCLUDING PRAYER At 7:14 Fr. Jim led the group in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Nutter
Parish Council Secretary

<p>NEXT MEETING: Monday March 8, 2010 Holy Cross Site Office 6:30 PM</p>
