

# **St. Peter of Alcantara Minutes of Parish Council Meeting September 1, 2009**

**Members Present:** Frank Metz , Dan Olivier, Ken Hoard, Mary Koch, Joe Hamacher, Bob Peiffer, Rich Lytle, Mike Keller, Doug Graham, Fr. Pat, Deb Kaschner, and Marcia Nosko. Tim Charek arrived at 6:40.

**Members Absent:** None

Dan then called the meeting to order. The minutes were corrected to reflect that Lora Didier will not be on the school board. Rather Nikki Styles will fill the position. Joe Hamacher moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Deb Kaschner. Motion carried.

Prior to starting the business at hand, Jack Skelton-Miller, a Boy Scout pursuing his Eagle Scout, was present to obtain advice and approval for his project. He is proposing signs for the school and refurbishing the entrance sign to the church at the street. After explaining his project the council gave its approval, advising him on how to proceed. He was asked to keep the council informed.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

- a. Evaluation of Committees: Evangelization and Vocations need to be looked at and the council decided upon adding CAPS as an individual committee. Bob Peiffer expressed an interest in serving on this committee. No final decisions were made on dropping evangelization or vocations.
- b. New Committee Liaisons:
  - APC—Dan Olivier
  - Finance—Frank Metz
  - Men's Club--Mike Keller
  - Buildings and Grounds—Ken Hoard
  - Prayer and Worship—Mary Koch
  - Human Concerns—Doug Graham
  - Christian Formation—Joe Hamacher
  - Port Catholic—Deb Kaschner
  - Stewardship—Marcia Nosko
  - Evangelization—Rich Lytle
  - CAPS—Bob Peiffer
  - Vocations—Bob Peiffer will relay any information received from Mike Chick
- c. Tim Charek reported on some developing ideas that have taken shape over the past couple of months. They include:
  - Developing a uniform approach for evaluations of staff for the 3 parishes
  - Joint set of Personnel Policies for the 3 parishes
  - Common set of software for finances for the 3 parishes
  - Internal finance review
  - Looking at the possibility of 1 bulletin for the 3 parishes

- Possibility of a joint website while respecting the individuality of the 3 parishes
- Fr. Pat pointed out a common meeting time for the 3 parishes
- Bob Peiffer questioned a fund raising possibility for the 3 parishes

### **Open Forum for Parish Council Member Comments/Suggestions**

Dan O. raised the possibility of a database for the parishioners to relay information via emails...perhaps a Facebook page.

Marcia N. asked about our parish participation in the Fish Day Parade.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**APC**-Dan O. -no report

**Prayer and Worship**-Mary K.-No report. A meeting is scheduled for next week.

**Christian Formation**-Joe Hamacher -no meeting

**Finance**-Frank M.- Frank reported on the financial situation. There is a concern that the contributions are down \$18000. The exact reason for this is unknown and hopefully the situation will resolve by the end of the year. He also reported on the boiler replacement for Port Catholic. All is going well as is the funding for the project.

**Stewardship**.-no meeting

**Building and Grounds**-Ken H passed out an update and walked through the items.

**Human Concerns**-Doug G. -Minutes were distributed and Doug pointed out some items.

**Port Catholic**-Deb K.-Port Catholic will not participate in the WKCE testing but will continue with Iowa Basics. The viability study is still going well.

**Evangelization**-no meeting

**Vocations**-Bob P.-no report

**Men's Club**-Mike K.-Mike walked through the minutes from the Men's Club summer meetings and highlighted main points.

**Pastor's Report**-Father Pat thanked the Council for the gift certificate for golf. He also mentioned that he is the supervising priest at St. Joe's in Grafton, which he referred to as a "figurehead" position.

**Parishioners Comments:** None

**Closing Comments:** All went well

**Next Council Meeting: October 6, 2009**

**Prayer will be led by Dan O.**

**Snack will be provided by Mary Koch**

Respectfully submitted by Mary Koch

**Please do not forget the starting time is 6:30 pm.**