

**St James Parish Family
Parish Pastoral Council**
Meeting Minutes June 25, 2008

Members Present: Jim Fatula, Carla Gonzales, Hal Pawlowski, Bud Lucy, Brian Ferber, Nancy Welton, and Ken Costigan

Guests: Maureen and Ralph Wydra

Members Absent: Father Robert, and John Ingram Sr.

Please note that all individuals who have the responsibility for action items are identified in ***Bold Italicized Underlined Text***.

- **Opening prayer** - Carla opened at 7:14 PM
- **Acceptance of May minutes**
 - Minutes were accepted after minor typos were changed.
- **Staff reports**
 - Maureen reported that this is the quiet time and she has been busy with funerals and planning for Advent. Ken asked about the potential kitchen improvements and was concerned that he did not want to hold things up. Maureen said that there was no problem with that. There are electricians working on the church and the rectory. She also spoke about the Advent mission and it will be focused on the mass. Jim asked how people are dealing with the summer hours. She said that everyone is dealing well with it. We received a nice check from St. Thomas Moore (sp?) and it will go toward the special fund that we have been tracking in the weekly bulletin. Discussion followed about what we could do to thank them. Ralph suggested that we should only go through Father Robert.
 - Pat shared that they are gearing up for vacation Bible school. The fees have been raised to \$40 per child with a maximum family outlay of \$120. This goes to cover all expenses. There are 92 kids signed up this year. She has been keeping better records of all of the volunteers and today went over the dress code with the volunteers. They have all the teachers required many that have returned from last year. RCIA is arranged and they have quite a number already and are expecting more to sign up. There will be a catechist retreat for all that are interested in being catechists on August 9th. GOF is changing a little bit. Sundays and Mondays will remain the same but they will be adding a third Wednesday of the month as well primarily for the pre-K to 6th grade. Classes covering the Sacraments (i.e. Reconciliation, first Communion and Confirmation) will also be addressed in addition to all of this. She is also planning a Christmas pageant where all will be invited and no one turned away no matter how many angels and shepherds will be involved. Pat is also going to start to work on the children's collection. Discussion followed. Nancy also asked about how we are advertising the children's liturgy of the mass. Pat said that if we can get the volunteers to help, we will have children's liturgy of the mass for the 09:00 and 11:00 masses.
 - Ralph shared about the success of the Apostles of Jesus dinner. He did express concerns about the low ticket-price and commented that we should be increasing ticket prices across the board.
- **Apostles of Jesus Dinner comments**
 - Future events sponsored by the Parish Council must have a plan with everything covered from set up to clean up. It is recommended that this must be done for **all** future events, not just events run by the Parish Council. There must be assigned duties and responsibilities with names and numbers covered for all responsibilities. Additionally maintenance support must be available without having to search for them.

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- **New meeting date for summer hours** (Mon, Tues, Wed)
 - We will meet next on Tuesday July 22nd. **Jim** will let Herb know that information. August will be back to normal on Thursdays.
- **Next working session**
 - The next working session will be on July 15th from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Carla's house
 - **Brian** is bringing the pizza, **Jim** will bring Doritos's, BYOB
 - **Jim** will send out e-mail reminders.
- **Annual picnic Nov, 16**
 - Parish council will be coordinating this and Jim, Carla, Jim, and Brian will come up with a plan for this effort.
- **New members for the Parish Council (youth will be handled by Brian)**
 - Much discussion and the end consensus was that we should follow the Parish Pastoral Council Constitution.
- **New poll to be circulated in September (same questions?)**
 - We will use the same questions but we will remove the number suggested.
 - Nancy suggested that we add the potential for people to utilize the web site to fill out the poll. **Hal** will look into it.
 - Suggestion was made that we put out a message in the announcements about the poll and that we are looking for new members. **Maureen** will check for the appropriate dates for these announcements and let us know.
- **Advent theme**
 - Covered earlier in the staff reports.
- **Words from Fr Robert**
 - Father was not able to attend tonight.
- **Future agenda items**
 - Review by-laws after change in mission statement approved by Father.
 - Father has asked us to review the parish poll to see if all items were addressed.
 - This item will be struck for the future agendas.
 - Building committee update.
- **Closing prayer** Carla closed at 9:00 PM