

Minutes from August 18, 2011

I: Opening Prayer

Opening prayer was conducted by Julie LeBrun

II. Review and Approve Minutes

Minutes for the June were previously emailed out for approval. Motion to approve minutes was made by Bob Rucker and seconded by Eileen Curran. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Schedule for Council Members at Mass

The following members will have Host duties during Mass

Aug 21 st (Jon)	Aug 28 th (Bob R)
Sept 4 th (Eileen)	Sept 11 th (Jody B)

IV. Pastor's Report

a. Protocol

Father requested tabling the finalization of the "protocol" that was adopted in the June meeting until the next meeting. He wants to meet with the finance committee before final adoption of the "protocols" The council will give final approval at next meeting.

b. Potential Growth Opportunities

Father discussed about ideas he had for implementing projects at St. Clare's. He really wants input from the council, parish members, and the community.

He also discussed that there are some training opportunities within the church. Most of the servers are new and may need some "refreshing". He also sees some new areas for growth with the lectors in the church.

He also mentioned that he would like to see that there is a more obvious way of knowing what the intent of the mass is especially if it is intended for someone specifically and would like to start including the intention of the Mass during the Prayer of the Faithful.

He also addressed the lack of being a reconciling community. He didn't feel that people were taking use of confessions. He wanted the times looked at and placed in the bulletin and let everyone know they can be done by appointment as well.

Father also, discussed about potentially bringing back Rosary recital before Mass On Sunday morning; a group already recites the Rosary before the 7pm Saturday Mass. There will be a poll taken at the Sunday Mass to see how many are interested.

Father also recommended that daily Mass schedule be changed to 7 am to be more accommodating for those who work. A vote will take place to see how much interest there is in moving the time or leaving it at 8:30am.

Father also expressed some ideas on how he thought announcements should be made in order to be more efficient and to not take away from the purpose of the service.

V. Committee Reports

a. YOUTH

Julie informed the council about the upcoming pancake breakfast. The money is going to be used for NCYC trip. The trip is planned for NOV 17-19. Julie wants to have another fund raiser to help bring in more money to ensure they have enough.

She also, discussed about the High School CCD/Youth Ministry. There seems to be a positive feedback for trying to put it together.

c. GREEN SPACE

Margie reported that the outside green space has been slow due to the extreme heat this summer. She hopes to begin planting native plants on Sept 24 and Oct 1 and plans to work from 9am – 2pm each day to plant 50-75 plants. She mentioned that to help fund the planting that the church members “sponsor” the plants. She also discussed about using some of the other stones in finishing the plant beds and in completing the space. Margie also asked the council to be looking for dead wood that has that drift wood appearance. These pieces will be put into the green space. Margie is also in talks with a local artist about constructing a cross for the space.

d. FINANCE

August 25th will be the next meeting. Charles Homa will be the new Parish Council representative on this committee. He will attend all meetings to represent the council and will report back to the council.

e. PEACE/JUSTICE

Home Energy Partners Sponsorship & Volunteers are conducting the annual Repair Affair. This year they want to repair 10-15 homes. They fix things like insulation,

caulking, weathering stripping, etc. They need 5-10 people to volunteer for 2 days on the 8th/15th of October. Sarah and John are going to look at getting volunteers from the college/church. They are also requesting a financial donation for this event; this will be brought up to the Finance Committee.

f. MUSIC

John R. discussed the nature of the music during mass, before mass, and after mass. Father was very complimentary of the music at the church. The Musicians will begin starting to teach the new Mass settings on Sept 17/18 for the changes that will be occurring with the music based on the new Missal. There also was a small discussion about the organ that is located up front. The questions were “where are we on the organ?” Is it going to be moved, what’s going on with it? More information is needed and will be looked at during the Sept meeting.

John R. wants to look into setting up a choir as well.

g. LITURGY

Father Michael is looking into meeting with the Liturgy Committee. He wants an open invite to anyone interested. Jody B. volunteered to represent the council and Julie will represent the Youth. The potential meeting will be Aug 25th or Sept 1. Father also discussed about having an “actual” midnight mass for Christmas.

h. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The committee hasn’t had a meeting lately. They are going to schedule one soon. They will be putting together a “master” plan. The fire evacuation plans were also discussed in depth. A meeting point was developed. The church congregation will meet outside the Green House in case of a fire/evacuation during a service in order to account for everyone.

VI. New Missal Implementation

Father is going to begin discussions during Mass to help members become familiar with upcoming changes. He also discussed a timeline for how to and when to implement the New Missals. Father mentioned that will begin to see and hear more about the New Missals as we approach the November start date (1st Weekend of Advent).

VII. St. Clare Day of Recollection

Julie stated it was a huge success. More people (22 in all) came than what was originally planned for which is always a plus. The people who attended brainstormed ideas to help the church in all aspects. Then they voted on this list of ideas to develop a “master” list of concern/ideas for the church.

Father expressed the great potential that can come out of the retreats and about making sure that we work on completing items on the list.

VIII. Other Business

a. STATUS OF HANDICAPPED RAMP

Does anyone know the status? This needs further investigation. Father Michael will be contacting the contractor to find out the status.

b. NEWMAN CLUB/RCIA UPDATE

RCIA team will be set up in the parish reception hall this Sunday for registration. September 11 RCIA starts from 2:30-4:00pm. John R. discussed about defining the roles of the campus ministry and Catholic Newman club at Berea College. He's looking at building bridges between the club and the Parish.

The potential service retreat for Newman Club is Oct 14th-19th at Camp A. Jackson. The Hispanic meeting will be on the 28th. Looking at integration of Hispanic and other nationality representation with the church. He would also like to re-open the possibility of swapping the image of Our Lady of Guadeloupe with St Clare in the church. John also discussed the possibility of building a Catholic Community Library to be housed in the reception hall.

c. SPOONBREAD FESTIVAL

No booth this year. Last year, the mini corn hole games sold out so fast that St Clare had nothing in the booth for two days but yet had to be there. It was decided this year that it would take too much time to double or triple the amount of games made in order to have something to sell in the booth.

d. THANK YOU - A thank you went out to everyone that was involved in all of the events that have recently happened – the 4th of July Party, the Installation Mass for Father Michael, the Day of Recollection....

IX. New Business

NONE

X. Closing Prayer

Margie ended the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting is Thursday September 15th at 7:00pm in the Friendship Hall

Opening Prayer: Bob Rucker

Minutes: Jon Pryor

Closing Prayer: Jody Baumgardner