

St. Clare Parish Council Minutes
January 19, 2012

Council members present: Fr. Flanagan, Diane Zekind, Bob Rucker, Eileen Curran, Margie Stelzer, Charles Homa, Jon Pryor, and Julie LeBrun.

In attendance: John Roche, Ralph Stinebrickner, and Rita Brockmeyer.

- I. Opening prayer – Bob
- II. November Minutes – Reviewed and approved after Margie requested that “possible upcoming projects” under “Committee Reports : 9. St. Clare Guild” be struck from the minutes as it did not accurately reflect the report given to her by the guild.
- III. Schedule for Council Members at Mass
 - January 22 – Jon Pryor
 - January 29 – Bob Rucker
 - February 5 – Julie LeBrun
 - February 12 – Margie Stelzer
- IV. Pastor’s Report
 - a. Ministry Fair – Will take place after the 7 PM Mass on February 11, and after the 9 AM Mass on February 12. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to learn about and become involved in parish activities. The upcoming fair will be announced in the bulletin and at all the Masses.
 - b. Church roof – Roof shingles are popping up due to a workmanship problem with the plywood underneath. More investigation is required. Julie recommended that Ken Stuber be made aware of the issue.
 - c. Parish Calendar Planning Meeting – Will take place in the Friendship Hall at 6:30 PM on January 22. This is an effort to put together a yearlong calendar of committee activities and social events that will help to keep our parish community organized and involved.
 - d. Pastoral Spiritual Retreat – Tabled until a later date.
 - e. At Margie’s request, Father spoke about his attendance at a recent death penalty meeting at Berea Friends Meeting House, sponsored by the Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.
- V. Old Business – John Roche announced that the locations of the St. Clare and Our Lady of Guadalupe icons will be switched following the 7 PM Mass on February 2nd.

VI. Committee/Group Reports

- a. Youth – Julie stated that a youth advisory board is being set up as a way to keep the youth group going. It is hoped that a small delegation of young people from our parish will attend a leadership conference at Cliffview in June. The cost would be \$330 per youth.
- b. Finance – Charles reported that the 2011 – 2012 budget is balanced. The balance owed on the church loan is less than \$35,000.
- c. Peace and Justice – Margie announced that Sister Helen Prejean will speak at the Berea College convocation on March 29, 2012, at 3 PM. The convocation is open to the public. The peace and justice committee may try to have Sr. Prejean attend a potluck at St. Clare. The committee is also interested in having a column in the parish bulletin. Ralph raised the idea of some Adult Education presentations during lent, as well. Details will be worked out at the calendar planning meeting on Sunday.
- d. Music – Father announced the selection of Trudy Conway as the new Music Director.
- e. Liturgy – No meeting is scheduled at this time. This committee needs more members.
- f. Building/Maintenance – In addition to the church roof repair, Diane reported that some of the kitchen plugs need to be fixed. Other insurance assessment issues also need to be addressed. Rita requested that a window in one of the classrooms be replaced, and that the ladies restroom on the lower level of the hall be repaired.
- g. Hispanic Community – John commended the Hispanic community for their planning and decoration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Plans are underway to move the Spanish Mass time to Sundays at 11:30 AM.
- h. Newman Club – Mass time is moved to 5:15 PM on Mondays. John stated that about 20 Berea College students are involved in various activities, including Spanish and English bible studies and discussion groups. Plans are underway for a Superbowl Party in the Friendship Hall, a Mardi Gras Party, and a Seder Meal.
- i. St. Clare Guild – Rita reported that the Christmas bazaar raised more than \$6,000. The Guild will no longer be sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day party. However, a celebration of the feast day of St. Clare is scheduled for August 11, 2012.

- VII. Other Business – Implementation of the New Roman Missal is going well. The pew cards are still needed. Father will continue to explain the changes from time to time during Mass.
- VIII. New Business - Lenten Fish Fries are being planned. It was suggested that a sign advertising “meals to go” would attract busy passersby.
- Bob raised a question about the lack of American and Vatican flags in the church. This practice apparently varies from diocese to diocese.
- IX. Closing prayer – Charles

Next meeting: February 16, 2012

Opening prayer: Julie

Minutes: John R.

Closing prayer: Jon P.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Curran