

**St. Clare Parish Council Minutes**  
**March 15, 2012**

Council members present: Fr. Flanagan, Diane Zekind, Jody Baumgardner, Bob Rucker, Charles Homa, Margie Stelzer, Julie LeBrun, and Eileen Curran. In attendance: John Roche.

- I. Opening prayer** – Diane
- II. February Minutes** – Clarified and approved
- III. Schedule for Council Members at Mass**

March 18 – Margie  
March 25 – Bob  
April 1 – Eileen  
April 8 – Jon P. (need to confirm)  
April 15 – Julie

**IV. Pastor's Report**

- a. The Liturgy Committee meeting was attended by 12 parishioners. Some ideas were discussed for Holy Week. Sign up sheets need to be posted for the various ministries (servers, lectors, EMs) that will be needed during Holy Week observances.
- b. Bishop Gainer will preside at the Confirmation service on April 14, 2012.
- c. Fr. Flanagan spoke about working with Ed Forrester and others to set up a website that would provide parishioners with easy access to the calendar, committees, meetings, etc.

**V. Old business**

It is hoped that the parish calendar will be published monthly in the bulletin.

Fish Fry Fridays will continue through the month of March.

None of the members present at this meeting had any information about Chili Night scheduled for March 17th.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the narthex for the annual spring cleaning of the church, hall, and grounds scheduled for March 24th.

## VI. Committee/Group Reports

- a. Youth – Julie reported that a Youth Advisory Board has been formed and that the March 9<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry was very successful.
- b. Finance – no report
- c. Peace and Justice – Margie reported that, on March 14th, more than 20 people attended a light supper followed by a talk by Frank O'Connor, ECU Professor of Economics. The discussion focused on the subject of economic justice and its relationship to Catholic social teaching. Part II will be presented on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Margie reminded the council that Sister Helen Prejean will attend the convocation exercises at Berea College on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The event is open to the public. Sister's schedule precludes a visit to St. Clare.

- d. Music – no report
- e. Liturgy – Father reported that those attending the session discussed their vision of what the liturgy committee should be. They will plan to meet on the second Thursday of most months, especially in preparation for Easter and Christmas. They also talked about environmental issues, the calendar and posting of the mission statement in the narthex. The training session for Eucharistic ministers and sacristans is this Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The next Liturgy Committee meeting will be on April 12th at 6:30 p.m.
- f. Building/Maintenance – Diane reported that there has been no resolution of the church roof problem because of sparse attendance at the committee meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- g. Hispanic Community - John R. reported that the time change of the Hispanic Mass is working out well. There has been good attendance.
- h. Newman Club – John R. stated that food is now being served after the Monday Mass at Berea College. A Seder Meal is being planned for April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Friendship Hall.
- i. St. Clare Guild – Diane announced that the overhang on the south side of the Friendship Hall has been repaired. We extend our thanks to the Guild members.

**VII. Other Business – None**

**VIII. New Business**

- a. Beginning on April 30, 2012, week day Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There will be a Holy Hour after Mass on Thursdays.
- b. Plans are underway for a celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the newer church building on September 22, 2012.
- c. The election of new parish council members will be discussed at the next meeting.

**IX. Closing prayer – Julie**

**Next meeting: April 19, 2012**

Opening prayer: Margie

Minutes: Eileen

Closing prayer: Bob

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Curran