

St Clare Parish Council Minutes
February 21, 2013

I. In Attendance: Tom Karasienski, Bob Rucker, Fr. Michael Flanagan, Julie LeBrun, Elaine Bobzin, Diane Zekind, John Roche

Guests: Cora & Pat, Keith Johnson

II. Opening Prayer: Bob Rucker

III. Meeting Minutes - Reviewed and approved January minutes

IV. Guest Speakers

- a. El Salvador trip – Pat spoke regarding the joint El Salvador mission trip in conjunction with Union Church. She suggested that part of the Lenten offering be used toward expenses for the trip; this mission trip plans to work on the rebuilding of a school. Cost per person including air fare is \$2200 and is taking place from June 13-23, 2013. During an information meeting, 5 or 6 of St Clare’s parishioners expressed interest in the trip and it is expected that a commitment to for the trip will be needed in early March. St Clare and Union Church are working together on projects to raise funds and plans are to share trip memories upon return; it was suggested that the travelers may want to share their experiences “real time” via a blog.
- b. Mary statue – Keith Johnson updated the Council on the refurbishing of the Mary statue. The statue has had all of the paint removed and has been sealed. Additional work is required on the base/foundation once the weather improves with plans to add plants around the statue too. Many thanks to Keith and Tom for all of their work. It was suggested that a May procession take place to crown Mary; it was decided that this will take place on Mother’s Day on May 12th.

V. Schedule for Council Members at Mass

- a. February 24: Julie
- b. March 3: Elaine
- c. March 10: Tom
- d. March 17: Jon Pryor

VI. Pastor’s Report

- a. Easter – Upcoming Events and Liturgical Sign-Ups: Easter is March 31st. A schedule of all Holy Week and Easter services will be included in the bulletin. Sign-up sheets for the various ministries for all services are in the Narthex so please encourage people to sign up. The Easter Vigil will start as early as possible. The Hispanic community will be asked to join the Adoration on Holy Thursday and Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.
- b. Purchase of Parish Van – Father has been approached by the Hispanic community and other groups regarding the purchase of a van to use to transport people to services. A discussion ensued with a lot of concern regarding liability involved and the cost to own/maintain one. It was decided not to purchase one at this time.
- c. Lenten Activities – “The Light is ON for You” – The Diocese has suggested that all parishes open their doors on Wednesdays during Lent for prayer and reconciliation. Father will be available for Confession. The time will be changed to 6:00 – 7:30pm.

- d. Adult Education – Father is working on assembling a series of speakers on Vatican II with plans to schedule the talks during the Easter season (April/May) on Wednesday evenings. More details forthcoming.
- e. PC Recruitment – Need to recruit three (3) new members for this next year. Diane to put an article in the bulletin/website.

VII. Old Business:

- a. Fish Fries – Bob Rucker has taken over the coordination of the Lenten Fish Fries. There will be three on them this year (Feb 22, Mar 15 & Mar 22). Thanks to Bob – he said he can always use more help on the days of the fries. Father plans to do the Stations of the Cross at 7pm after the next two fish fries.
- b. Fellowship Hall Security - A key safe will be installed outside of the Friendship Hall instead of placing the key under the rock. This will take place after Easter due to the number of events taking place and when the weather improves.

VIII. Committee/Group Reports

- a. Youth: Julie will be coordinating the trip to NCYC this year in Indy in November. There will be some fund raising events for this trip including a yard sale and an “Invest in Youth” day on April 13th & 14th. The youth can also earn money by helping at the fish fries.
- b. Finance – 2012-13 Budget & Actuals – No report. Council would still like to see the finance reports regularly.
- c. Peace/Justice – No report
- d. Music – Working on music for Holy Week and Easter
- e. Liturgy – Still would like a liaison person from P.C.
- f. Building/Maintenance – Working on lights on the outside of the Church and Women’s restroom (complete)
- g. Hispanic Community– Fr. Michael and John Roche have been meeting with the Hispanic Community to improve communication. This group is being very cooperative and is very happy at St Clare. Will be working on having more bi-lingual liturgies like Ash Wednesday and will invite Fr. Eulices to con-celebrate upcoming masses. (i.e. Easter)
- h. Newman Club– Continue to meet on Tuesday evenings. Will be doing the Stations of the Cross outside in the Draper circle.
- i. St. Clare Guild–Elaine reported that the Guild has agreed to take on a number of activities in the FH using the proceeds from the Christmas bazaar. These include finishing of the floor, purchase of two new coffee urns, finishing the walls/floors around the new doors and new lighting.

IX. Other Business

- a. Follow-up on solar panel leasing- Father is to take this topic to the Finance Council at their next meeting.

X. New Business

- a. Upcoming Events –
 - * Confirmation – June 15th
 - * First Communion – May 5th
 - * Graduation Mass – April 28th
 - * Mass for Pope Benedict – February 28th @ Noon
 - * Prayer Service for the Diocesan 25th Anniversary – March 2nd at 9am – Clean up of Church and FH to follow
 - * Marian-based Devotional – May 9th @ 6:00pm

- b. Lenten Collection – A motion was made and seconded to donate the entire Lenten Collection to the El Salvadoran Mission Trip and a fund raiser to be held in July for the Christmas baskets.

XI. Closing prayer – Tom

Next meeting: March 21, 2013

Opening prayer: Julie

Minutes: TBA (Elaine said Margie should do them!!)

Closing Prayer: John Roche

Respectfully Submitted: Diane Zekind