

# St. Joseph of the Lakes

Parish Council Meeting Minutes / Tuesday, October 04, 2011 / 7 pm

## Attendees:

Fr. Mark Underdahl, Pastor  
Amy Moore, Parish Administrator and Community  
Jeff Olson, Council Chair and Faith Formation Commission Rep  
Steve Robach, Staff – Faith Formation and Charity and Justice  
Tim Lawrence, Staff – Pastoral Care  
Andrea Grasse, Staff – Director of Music  
Pat Loew, Pastoral Care Commission  
Eileen Couture, Charity and Justice Representative  
Mary Ann Lund, Liturgy Representative  
Dave Lorier, At Large Member  
Allen Duffy, At Large Member  
Jeanne Arntzen – At Large Member

## Excused:

Paul Lillyblad – Fiance Chair  
Lynn Olson - Trustee

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- Prayer – Fr. Mark shared. As today is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we prayed Cantic of the Sun
  - Introductions
  - Meeting Minutes from June, 2011 – Approved
  - Approval of New Constitution – Constitution was amended to change process of bringing on new members from an election process to a discernment process. MM/2nd: Eileen Couture/Pat Loew to approve. Passed with one small typo correction. If members see any additional items to be discussed, please feel free to bring them up at next meeting
  - Commission Reports
    - **Facilities** update attached
    - **Justice & Charity** update attached
    - **Liturgy** update – Fr. Mark reported that New Roman Missal is the consuming project for Liturgy. Collaborating with Faith Formation to bring the New Roman Missal to their world. Expanding liturgy to include the youth more – they will be more visible at weekend liturgies as they are involved in Spirit Alive and hospitality. Environmentally, had a great evening decorating for the autumn season. Already looking ahead to Advent/Christmas season. Reconvening Liturgy Commission in January – will include more Liturgy planning and keep environment separate. New Roman Missal will be addressed beginning this coming weekend piece by piece in the bulletin each week. Fr.

Mark ordered pew cards that will be our “guides” as we transition to the new wording. The study workbook for the New Roman Missal is available, however the music isn’t yet available – can be unveiled November 27<sup>th</sup> (first Sunday of Advent, 2011), but we certainly will not be fully implementing all the changes on the first weekend. Prelude music in November will be introducing some new mass parts. Addition of prelude music has gone well. Some weeks the prelude is a choral piece, other weeks we sing congregational pieces.

- **Communication** – Working on brochures for each parish ministry / commission to promote themselves. Interior Signage is complete –next phase – exterior signage.
- **Finance** – Our financials are currently strong. In the process of re-financing the mortgage – we were able to obtain a very attractive rate and are hoping to pay off additional principal on the loan. Thankful for our financial situation.
- **Pastoral Care** – Newly hired director Tim Lawrence introduced himself and shared most recent events –Pastoral Care Commission met on Sept 18. Anointing mass was last Saturday, Oct 1. Anointed approx. 50 people. Followed by reception. Well attended. Homebound Ministers are actually looking for people to visit. Senior Potluck Brunch scheduled for Oct 28. November Evensong on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Now saying mass first Friday of mass at Lino Lakes Assisted Living – Tim will start saying Rosary on First Thursday of the month for the residents as well. Book group starting up. Would like to begin Men’s Spirituality group as well.
- **Faith Formation** – Commission report attached – Also, Sunday before Thanksgiving, as a fundraiser will have 1<sup>st</sup> (hopefully annual) Chili contest.
- **Offices of the Council** – Jeff shared that he would like to continue to serve as chair of the council – received affirmation of the council for this to happen. Vice Chair –Pat Loew will serve as Vice chair this year. Secretary - Amy Moore will serve as secretary this year.
- **Treat Schedule and Listening Weekend Schedule Sent Around** – This past weekend, at Listening Mass, comments / questions: Are we going to be selling Softener Salt? Can we promote vocations more at St Joes more? Thought to perhaps have adults participate in Sermon notes. Visiting priest commented that he felt allot of love in the parish.
- **New Roman Missal** – Covered in Liturgy Commission report above
- **Stewardship** – Definition – handout attached. Fr. Mark commented on the handout – Stewardship is not about the “Sermon on the Amount”. Stewardship is really about a way of life – a way of being. It is about being disciples and having the innate desire to give of ourselves – to share our gifts as a response to God’s love for us. The Archdiocese has focused their work on Stewardship and has provided a tool-kit for parishes. We are in-line with what is going on downtown. Shared two brochures from the tool-kit with council as examples of what we could provide to our parishioners. Amy will also begin to write about Stewardship in her weekly column.

- **Open Forum –**
  - Question about how do our Trustees become Trustees? Term of their service. Will be addressed at future meeting.
  - Steve Robach pointed out that October is Domestic Abuse awareness month. We'll have information here from The Alexander House, and other resources as well.
- Adjourned at 9:03 pm