

St. Joseph of the Lakes

Parish Council Meeting Minutes / Tuesday, November 01, 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

Absent:

Lynn Olson - Trustee

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- **Prayer** – Fr. Mark shared – We had also celebrated All Saint’s Day Mass at 6:30 pm
 - **Meeting Minutes** from October, 2011 – Approved with no changes.
 - **Commission Report**
 - **Finance** : Amy Moore gave report. YTD collections are even with our collections from a year ago at this time. We are slightly ahead of budget for overall collections vs budgeted amount. We have been conscientious of spending and are pleased with our current financial picture. We closed on our mortgage refinance last week, October 24th with U.S. Bank. Our refinance terms are at prime +1/4% interest (currently puts it at 3%) for a period of 5 years. The \$1,130,000 borrowed is on a 180 month payback schedule. This refinance results in our needed to change our deposits/checking/savings/ACH processes over from Wells Fargo to US Bank. We are on target to complete these processes by December 31, 2011.
 - **Catholic Standards for Excellence review** – Nine people from St. Joe’s attended this program last Tuesday, October 25 in Oakdale. The information was presented as more of a sales pitch to join the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management, rather than providing tangible tools to implement immediately. We felt that the promotion of the session was somewhat misleading. There is no cost to the parish to join the program, however a designated person should be assigned to spear-head the parish’s participation. It was discussed that this probably

should not be the pastor or the parish administrator. Amy Moore will be attending the Assn of Parish Business Administrator's meeting on November 10th at which time this topic will be explored more fully. She will have additional insights after that meeting to share.

- **New Roman Missal** – Fr. Mark reported that the countdown reads “26 Days to Launch!” He has gotten good feedback from our bulletin inserts and his writings in the bulletin that speak of the upcoming changes. There will be a parish-wide “teaching mass” tomorrow, November 2nd. This replaces all Faith Formation classes for this week. Families will receive a handout giving them a side-by-side comparison of the changes, as well as the publication, *Catholic Update*, which features the changes to the mass. Our prelude music for the next three weeks will be the new *Gloria!* This will enable the congregation to become familiar with the music before the November 27th launch.
- **Stewardship** – We reviewed the brochure from the Archdiocesan Tool Kit and shared our own thoughts / brainstorming on the topic of Stewardship at St. Joseph of the Lakes. Items that were discussed include:
 - Looking at doing a Talent Survey/Assessment
 - Improving our current sound system in order to become a more user-friendly parish. Perhaps have a sound attendant at the sound board; explore bid we have (from 3 years ago) to see if we could possibly implement part of the recommendations
 - Inviting Archdiocesan Director of Stewardship and Development, Michael Halloran to an upcoming meeting to assist us with our ideas and give us direction
 - Invite Lay witnesses to share their Stewardship stories
 - Emphasize the “behind the scenes” side of parish life, and tell parishioners how they can help out with items that they may otherwise think are not very important
 - Teach and remind parishioners that Stewardship is their Baptismal call – the gifts of the Spirit are alive in each one of us.
 - Ponder the statement, “God doesn’t call the qualified; He qualifies the called.”
- **Open Forum** – No feedback from listening masses
- **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, December 6, 2011

- Adjourned at 9:03 pm

Respectfully submitted by Amy Moore, Council Secretary