

Blessed Sacrament Lincoln, Nebraska Parish Council Meeting Minutes



16 October 2011

2011/2012 Blessed Sacrament Parish Council

Pastor	Father John Sullivan
Assistant-Pastor	Father Jonathan Haschke
President	James Kucera
President-elect	Patrick Driver
School	Holly Kruger
Finance	Jason Suelter
Education	Deb Leggott
Building & Grounds	Chris Beardslee
Parish Activities	Maggie Aldrich
Stewardship	Jennifer Nottlemann
Social Action	Linda Broers
Evangelization Committee	Rena Smith
Prayer and Spiritual Life	Mary Ryan
Liturgy Committee	Paul Dion

Absent: Chris Beardslee, Rena Smith

Present: Fr. Sullivan, Fr. Haschke, James Kucera, Patrick Driver, Holly Kruger, Mary Ryan, Paul Dion, Maggie Aldrich, Jennifer Nottlemann, Linda Broers, Deb Leggott.

Council Meeting opened at 6:04 p.m. with prayer.

Driver asked for any corrections or modifications of the September 2011, meeting minutes or for a motion to adopt. Nottlemann moved to Adopt Dion Seconded. Motion Carried. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE – Jason Suelter

The capital campaign is gearing up to begin its kickoff. On October 23, 2011, letters will be sent to families asking for contributions. The committee will be asking for \$5.00 per week for lower to non-giving members of the parish and a 10% increase from members that give at a higher amount. The committee will follow up with those members two weeks after the letters if the member has not yet pledged. In the first week of December 2011, the committee will contact members by telephone to ask for pledges. The committee will need volunteers to help with this project. Fr. Sullivan continues to meet with parents of the school students to seek a way to cover the gap in the actual cost of education and giving.

Currently, the parish is running a weekly deficit of approximately \$3,500.00, which amounts to \$160,000.00 to \$170,000.00 per year.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL - Holly Kruger

October 24 is our Baptism Mass and lunch with the principal. Nineteen students will renew their Baptism vows. It is also our monthly assembly. One student from each classroom will be chosen as the Prayerful Student of the month. The November virtue is Charity. At the assembly the students will hear a story about St. John the Evangelist who, at the end of his life, preached only one thing, "Children, love one another."

The First Quarter ends October 26. Report cards will go home on November 2. The PTA will host coffee and rolls on Sunday October 30. All proceeds will go toward a water fountain for Kraemer Hall.

BUILDING and GROUNDS – Chris Beardslee

There was no report given.

PARISH ACTIVITIES – Maggie Aldrich

Alter Society- They hope to have the year's calendar in next week's bulletin. Planning a Super Special Altar society Informational meeting on Sun. Nov. 13 at 12:30 in the gym
New ideas for the Holiday Extravaganza was tossed around Wed evening.

Cub Scouts **OCTOBER 2011 CALENDAR**

4 Pack Parent's Planning Meeting. 7p.m. in Kramer Hall.

The meeting is open to all Cub Scout leaders and parents. Please help make the Pack stronger by helping to plan the activities.

6 Scouting Round Table Meeting. 7p.m. at Irving Recreation Center. The meeting is open to all Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders and parents.

11 Cub Scout Den Meeting. 7:00 p.m. in Kramer Hall. Webelos will meet at Beardslee's, 2321 W Stirrup Drive and continue to work on their Naturalist achievement badge.

18 Cub Scout Pack Meeting. 7:00 p.m. in Kramer Hall. Awards, skits, etc. **TREATS:** Beard, Beardslee, and Broers families.

OPENING/CLOSING Ceremony: Tiger Den. Final day for Show-and-Sell popcorn money - ALL unsold popcorn, money, and orders due to Mary Beardslee.

22 Webelos College. 8:00 am to 3:30 am. First United Methodist Church, located at 2723 North 50th (50th and St. Paul St., on the west side of Nebraska Wesleyan University). The Webelos that will be attending the College, will have the chance to work on three Activity Pins, try their hand at Dutch Oven cooking and experience the fun and fellowship Scouting provides.

Boy Scouts – They are finishing up with popcorn sales and working on merit badges. Boy Scouts also volunteer to work seatbacks at the football games.

Fest Quest-

Fest Quest 2011 Report

- Financial Results will be share when they are compiled
- We exceeded the raffle ticket goal of 6000 tickets, with 6200 tickets sold this year!
- Trivia Night Auction (new this year) contained 10 items and raised \$2,160 for Fest Quest.
- Donations were up this from last year with more silent and live auction items.
- \$1400 was raised in sponsorship money that was used for event costs (ie food, vendors, etc) and to purchase a few items for the auction at reduced prices.
- Wicker Basket Recycling: *Attention Silent Auction Winners:* If you do not want the actual basket your silent auction items came in, please leave it in the Usher's Room in the back of Church next weekend. The Fest Quest Basket team will reuse the baskets for next year to help defray costs when donations are given without a basket to display the items in.
- The FQ team will be needing a few new team members next year as Angela Davenport (event co-chair) and Maggie Aldrich (donations chair) are both retiring from their posts after serving 4 and 3 years respectively. They both are putting together helpful notes to pass on to future team members to assist whoever steps up into these roles for next year.
- Attn other parish organizations: The FQ team has a banner available for use if someone needs an event sign. The banner is about 6 feet wide and 3 feet tall. It says "Pioneer Days" on one side but the back side is blank and could be recycled for another parish event. Its one of the large heavy weight signs made by Sign Pro. If you are interested in this banner, contact Angela Davenport.

Knights of Columbus –

Date	Day	Time	Item/Location
Sun		6:00 am	Hour of Prayer @ the future site of Planned Parenthood (Ends November 6th)
10/10	Mon		Columbus Day
10/12	Wed	7:30 pm	General Meeting/Kraemer Hall
10/15	Sat	9:00 am	Pro-Life mass @ Cathedral (Cardinal Egan will be the Homilist)
10/16	Sun	After masses	Coffee & donuts/Gym (Proceeds to Knights' needs)
10/23	Sun	10:30 am	First Degree @ St. Patrick's
10/23	Sun	1:30 pm	Second Degree Registration @ St. Patrick's (Third Degree to follow)
10/29	Sat	TBA	Football Seats (Michigan State)
10/30	Sun	10:00 am	Corporate Communion (Mass for deceased Knights of our council)
11/2	Wed	7:30 pm	Officers' Meeting/Kraemer Hall
11/5	Sat	TBA	Football Seats (Northwestern)
11/9	Wed	7:30 pm	General Meeting/Kraemer Hall

Preparing and Serving Funeral Dinners- Nothing to report.

Preparing Meals for Priests- Things are running smoothly. Nothing new to report.

Sunday Coffee and Rolls- All Sundays in October are taken.

Table for Ten- Date is set (Feb 11th) and place is reserved (LCC). They have 3 new committee members and will soon have their first meeting.

UNL Football Stadium Seats- 4 games down, 3 to go. Things have been going very well. They are always looking for extra help. This is a Great fundraising opportunity.

STEWARDSHIP - Jennifer Nottlemann

The Alumni Newsletter is on schedule to be mailed in November. A crew of volunteers will be needed the 20th of November to prepare them for mailing.

The fall edition of *Our Blessed Voices* is on schedule to be mailed the first week of November. We are looking to add short article on the Renewal of Treasure campaign the finance committee is currently working to complete.

Our main focus for the next few months is the parish directory, which is scheduled between Dec 27 – Jan 3. Bulletin announcements will continue. In late October, we will hang posters in the back of church and in the school. Fr. Sullivan will add the directory in the weekly announcements. The directory will include 8 pages for parish activities and organizations. Melissa Tvrdy has dozens of parish activity pictures that may be used. In addition, we will request several parish organizations submit a group photo. Melissa has offered to take a photo of any group that does not have one.

With the Freshman GodTeen group, we will host coffee & rolls after Mass on October 23rd.

Next meeting is November 13 at 5 pm in the school's meeting room.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE - Rena Smith

No report given.

SOCIAL ACTION – Linda Broers

St Vincent DePaul – Bob Haller

No update this month.

Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach – Mary Jo Bousek

Matt Talbot concluded its annual Huskers Helping the Homeless fundraiser on Saturday, October 8th at the Ohio State football game where nearly 500 volunteers were out and about the city and downtown area collecting donations for Matt Talbot. At last report, about \$30,000 was collected, setting a new record amount. The numbers eating and/or receiving outreach services is holding steady or slightly increasing. Shannon Miller has recently received her drug and alcohol counselor certification and can do alcohol evaluations, needed for entry into treatment centers. MTKO has a new outreach worker - Rene who just started October 4th.

Pro-Life – Melissa Zierke

40 Days for Life started September 28th and goes through November 6th. For the month of October, we will be doing the Life Chain and we as a parish do a good job showing support,

We did learn this week that Planned Parenthood will be moving to the 48th and Old Cheney location during the month of October. All hours have been filled with Blessed Sacrament covering all hours the first week.

Rides for the Elderly – Deb Cabela

We continue to bring Ray, Shirl, and Tom to mass from Lancaster Manor and in addition, Sue Stentz is brought to church. Deb has been in contact with Jean for RCIA, but she has only been able to come one time, however, she does talk to her weekly to check in on her.

Prison Fellowship Ministry / Angel Tree – Chris & Amy Champoux

Amy will receive the names of the children for the Angel Tree this year no later than October 31st. She has purchased supplies needed for the Angel Tree project.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE—Mary Ryan

Bible Study – David Essay

Dave's idea for a Bible Study is to do a Study of the Eucharist based upon Brant Pitre's Book called Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist. Presently he has been getting treatments in Omaha for recurrent Hodgkins Lymphoma. These treatments make it difficult to concentrate for very long and does not feel organized enough to conduct a Bible study but is still praying about it. He said that if anyone feels called to start something he would be glad to help in some way and said he has a ridiculous amount of books and resources.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers – Mary Baker

Christian Mothers will continue the Theology of the Mass with Fr. Haschke. Next meeting is October 22nd (4th Saturday of the month from 8:30 Mass until 10:30).

Engaged Encounter – Vicki & Scott Clarke

No report.

Legion of Mary – Sandy Payne

The Legion of Mary is planning an Auxiliary Membership Breakfast on Saturday, October 22nd. It will be held in the gym after the 8:30 Mass. Prayer cards and fliers were recently distributed of the Frank Duff prayer intentions for his cause for canonization. Our parish has four names on the list of 22 that were submitted: Diann Aspen, Levi Dyybdal, Jean Mickelson & Allison Petr. The prayer cards will be available in the church vestibule upon receipt.

Light of the World – Sharon Wojtasek

The Core Team will be meeting Tuesday, October 18, to continue preparation for the upcoming Parish Retreat which is scheduled for this coming January 20-22.

Living Rosary – Jan Broer

No changes in the last month.

Marriage Encounter – Angi & Kirk McAndrew

The Marriage Encounter weekend that Angi and Kirk were scheduled to present Oct 21-23 in Omaha was cancelled due to low number of registrants. The next Catholic weekend will be in North Platte Jan 27-29, then Valentine's weekend in Lincoln, Feb 10-12, 2012. All Nebraska's presenting couples are in the process of re-writing their presentations due to updates on the national level. Website for more information is www.wvme.org.

Perpetual Adoration – Lois Korinek

Numbers remain constant with 13-14 open hours.

Prayer Line – Lynn Reuter

Everything is the same.

Retreats - Fran Mickelson

Nothing to report. Most people contact the Retreat House directly.

Retrovaille - Paul Wojtasek

Post weekend follow up sessions continue for those who attended the August weekend retreat. Monthly community meetings for those who have already attended weekend retreats continue on an ongoing basis, and are held at Blessed Sacrament.

Schoenstatt – Theresa & Ron Johnson

On October 17th a Mass will be celebrated by our Bishop at the Cor Mariea Schoenstatt Shrine near Crete at 7:00 p.m. This will be preceded by a Rosary procession at 6:15. There is also Mass at the Shrine every Saturday morning at 9:30.

Welcoming Committee – Sheila Ertl

Nothing to report

LITURGY—Paul Dion

Acolytes/EM – Nothing from Rich this month.

Readers/Lectors – Nothing from Dan this month.

Altar Servers – Nothing from Nancy this month.

Church Decorations – Decorating for Advent will start soon.

Music Ministry – Hannah Jo Smith is back and working again with the music ministry.

Greeters/Gift Bearers – Fourth quarter schedule was sent out to include all Christmas Masses.

Wedding Coordinators – There is one more wedding for this year, scheduled for next month, then the coordinators will be done for the year.

Order of Martha – The group is working on an Altar linen for the Tabernacle area, baptism bibs and also received linen to make new corporal's. There is also a Junior Order of Martha participant now which the group is excited about.

Ushers Club – Dick Johnson is going to plan a meeting within the next couple of weeks and talk about if there are any church projects that can be taken care of by the club.

Father Haschke:

GodTeams are up and running. Group activities are being planned with teams from other parishes. Currently, the plan is to rent the Joyo Theatre and have an outing with the other groups.

The new translation of the Mass will begin soon. Fr. Haschke will be offering classes on the translation of the Mass. All are invited to attend.

PASTOR - Father Sullivan:

Fr. Sullivan is looking forward to the financial campaign. While it is very difficult to ask for more money, as a parish we are in a position where we must do so. Fr. Sullivan is thankful for those who continue to give and asks for all to prayerfully consider giving to the extent their means can allow. We will need to continue talking about our financial issues if we want to continue with a vibrant parish.

A brief discussion of teacher salaries was had. Fr. Sullivan has refused to freeze teacher salaries because it would likely result in the loss of numerous teachers each year rather than the one or two openings. Fr. Sullivan asks for all to continue to pray for our financial peace.

- Upcoming Meetings:

November 13, 2011 (2nd Sunday) at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting closed with prayer at 6:52 p.m.