

Blessed Sacrament Lincoln, Nebraska Parish Council Meeting Minutes



11 December 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: James Kucera, Holly Kruger; Jason Suelter, Rena Smith; Mary Ryan

Present: Fr. Sullivan, Fr. Haschke, Patrick Driver, Deb Leggott, Maggie Aldrich, Jennifer Nottlemann, Linda Broers, Chris Beardslee, Linda Broers, Paul Dion.

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

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

FINANCE – Jason Suelter

A brief discussion was had regarding the current capital campaign. Not all of the letters have been sent to certain parishioners due to a data base issue. Hopefully this will be fixed in the near future. Fr. Sullivan will be meeting with families regarding their pledges and hopes to get that completed in the near future. In January 2012, another round of letters will be mailed to parishioners that did not respond to the first letter.

The Christmas Wish List has been published and the parish is hopeful for a generous giving spirit as a response to it.

The current financial condition of the parish continues to need additional prayers and financial contributions.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL - Holly Kruger

There was no report provided.

EDUCATION – Deb Leggott

Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) – Cindy Uhing

No report

Athletic Committee – Mark Stoley/Rochelle Oglesby

Boys basketball is underway. We have three 6th grade teams and one 7th grade team. Each team opened the season with a win. Congratulations to our teams. Boys basketball is still going on through the end of January.

CCD – Sherri King

No report.

Godparents – Christian and Angela Davenport

Nothing new to report.

Vacation Bible School – Nancy Williams

No report.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Theresa Johnson

Working on Advent infancy narratives and prophecies.

BUILDING and GROUNDS – Chris Beardslee

General Items

1. The Fall Clean-up scheduled for December 3rd had inclement weather which prevented outdoor work. We did accomplish some indoor tasks inside the school.
2. A Church cleaning has been scheduled for December 17th. An announcement has been in the bulletin for the last three weeks.

School Building

1. The grates over the west trench drain were replaced. The new grates are made of cast iron and are expected to be more durable than the previous grates.
2. Plumbing repairs were completed in the Boy's and Girl's Bathrooms in the east building.
3. Miscellaneous repairs were made in several of the classrooms.
4. A ballast was changed in one of the light fixtures in the Office.
5. The south side of the school was "tagged" with graffiti. A graffiti removal product was applied to a portion of it but the weather has not been conducive to the application of the material. This will continue when conditions are favorable.

6. The return air duct from the Gym to the mechanical unit will be cleaned next Saturday. That cleaning will involve renting a lift. Some lighting maintenance will be done at the same time while the lift is in place.

Church Building

1. While we were not able to do the fall cleanup work as scheduled, I think it should be mentioned that Mark Trvdy did some cleanup on his own prior to the scheduled cleanup day.

Rectory

1. Nothing to report.

Safety Issues

1. Nothing to report

Our next meeting will be **December 14th, 2011 @ 8:15 PM**

PARISH ACTIVITIES – Maggie Aldrich

Activities Committee December 2011

Alter Society- Becky Cunningham

Holiday Extravaganza was held today. Lots attended and we ran out of food. We still need more volunteers to bring items, work events, and help lead.

Cub Scouts – Mary Beardslee

We held our first annual Belt Loop Bash on December 3rd. It was a success. The next event is our December Pack Meeting/Christmas Party. We will have two special guests and handout prizes from the Popcorn Sale.

Boy Scouts – Scott Clarke
Nothing new to report.

Fest Quest- Nothing new to report.

Knights of Columbus – Clem Pella

Date	Day	Time	Item/Location
12/10	Sat		Knights' Night with the Stars
12/14	Wed	7:30 pm	General Meeting/Kraemer Hall (Food Drive)
12/17	Sat	6:30 pm	Knights' Christmas Party (Food Drive)
12/18	Sun	After masses	Coffee & donuts/Gym (Proceeds to Matt Talbot) (Food Drive)
12/25	Sun		Christmas
1/1	Sun		Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
1/4	Wed	7:30 pm	Officers' Meeting/Kraemer Hall
1/11	Wed	7:30 pm	General Meeting/Kraemer Hall
1/14	Sat	6:30 pm	Sloppy Joe Night/Gym (Proceeds for 8 th grade bibles)
1/15	Sun	After masses	Pancake breakfast/Gym (Proceeds for 8 th grade bibles)
1/31	Sun	8:30 mass	Corporate Communion (4 th Degree Honor Guard)

Preparing and Serving Funeral Dinners- Nancy Kopischke

There was one funeral dinner last month (Albert Montanez) and it went smoothly.

Preparing Meals for Priests- Donna Avers

Things are running smoothly. Nothing new to report.

Sunday Coffee and Rolls- Bob/Paula Svoboda

Nothing new to report.

Table for Ten- Lori Wilson

We are starting to have meetings to prepare for the event. We are trying to encourage new couples to attend. We will have sign-up Sundays in January, and start discussing decorations, menu and companies to contact for donations.

UNL Football Stadium Seats- Paul Wojtasek

Thank You: To those parish groups and individuals who participated in the 2011 Husker Home Football Games Backrest Concessions. The volunteers who worked this season filled a total of 218 time slots. We provided an average of 30 volunteers at each game.

Based on the amounts we have been reimbursed in the past we project that an estimated total of \$9,150.00 will be received from UNL and divided between the church and the organizations that participated. Thanks also to those who attended the games and pitched in to help us out after the game. Your time and effort is appreciated in making this a fun and successful fundraising opportunity for our parish.

STEWARDSHIP - Jennifer Nottlemann

Alumni Update - As an attempt to gain interest in an Alumni Committee made up of our school's local alumni, we will get a list of alumni that graduated 8th grade between 1980-1995 in the 685xx zip code. The list will be given to Mrs. Kruger to serve as a first filter of people to contact. We will get the list down to roughly 50 names. We will send a letter to these people stating we are looking for people that would like to join our current efforts. We want people to share ideas, help update the database, help write articles, etc. We are not looking for anyone to run the committee.

Parish Directory -

- We will request from the photographer a count of appointments scheduled to date.
- We will send an email to all the school families reminding them to schedule their appointments.
- Jennifer will line up volunteers to welcome parishioners to their appointments.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE - Rena Smith

There was no report given.

SOCIAL ACTION – Linda Broers

St Vincent DePaul – Bob Haller

Bob has completed the annual report with figures regarding number of people that have been helped and dollars spent and has given the report to Father Haschke. He is hoping to have a summary published in the weekly church bulletin soon. There are 3 newer people helping to take calls for the conference and Bob is hopeful that they will continue to help as the conference can use the extra help.

Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach – Mary Jo Bousek

Since the weather is colder, the numbers of people eating at the kitchen are down. Too cold to get out and many ride their bikes or wait for a bus. MTKO is beginning to work on their next major fundraiser - FEEDING THE SOUL OF THE CITY banquet which will be March 8th at the Lied Center again this year. It was held there last year and seemed to be a popular venue. No details yet on the speaker or entertainment.

Since the move to the new facility which has a large walk-in refrigerator and freezer, they have been able to receive and store many more food donations. Because of that, Mary Jo's 3 teams and others have had to purchase very little food and have been able to serve great meals, often with a nice variety for people to choose from.

MTKO has a new piano and there is a guest, who eats there often, and plays during some of the meals.

Rides for the Elderly – Deb Cabela

Things are going very smoothly for the committee. We are bringing Sue Stentz and Ray Syslo to mass. Shirl Spiedell comes with another person. Legion of Mary has started RCIA instruction with Jean Williams and have met with her twice. She is a lovely lady and if anyone is looking to reach out to someone at Christmas, she would be a great choice.

Prison Fellowship Ministry / Angel Tree – Chris & Amy Champoux

This year with the extra angel gift requests taken on from the Omaha area, Blessed Sacrament had over 200 angel tree gift tags and are happy to report that all gift requests have been fulfilled and the few extra that weren't taken by parishioners (15 – 18 tags) Chris Champoux took to the LPD and all were taken.

Pro-Life – Melissa Zierke

As reported in the bulletin: Thank you to all you participated in the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign. The results of the campaign: 1,633 cities participated, 422 cities across all 50 American states, 13 countries, more than half a million participants over 14,000 church congregations involved, over 1,800 news stories, **5,045 lives confirmed saved, 61 abortion workers quit and 18 abortion facilities closed.** Please be open to participate in the Lenten 40 Days.

The new Planned Parenthood was scheduled to open in the first part of November but has been pushed back to late January. However, they are still taking lives at the clinic on South Street, so keep praying and fasting especially on Fridays.

Blessed Sacrament parish is looking for someone to take over the position of Prolife Coordinator. We are selling t-shirts for St Gianna's Home again this year and they should be on display soon.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE—Mary Ryan

Bible Study - David Essay

Status remains the same – health issues preventing David to start a Bible Study – would be willing to help someone and has materials

Confraternity of Christian Mothers – Mary Baker

Confraternity of Christian Mothers will continue with Fr. Haschke and the translation/theology of the Mass. We will not be meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 28th

Engaged Encounter – Vicki & Scott Clarke

14 weekends scheduled for next year and can hold up to 25 couples each weekend. Most, but not all, are filled to capacity. As of this past September all presenting couples have a new set of talks that were rewritten from outlines handed down from the National Committee. This has taken some serious work on the presenters' behalf, particularly those couples who have just joined the community and have recently written talks. Scott and Vicki Clark have been in the community for 16 years and have presented weekends for about 13 years. They are not on the schedule for the next year because they cannot fit writing talks into their schedules right now.

Legion of Mary – Sandy Payne

Nothing new to report.

Light of the World – Sharon Wojtasek

Testimonials from past retreatants began being published in the bulletin the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. Brochures will be placed in the back of church along with posters in the weeks to come. The six LOTW communities will gather after the 10am Mass on Sunday, December 11th to take one large group picture for the parish directory. The Retreat Team for the January LOTW retreat will meet Monday, December 12th regarding their testimony talks to be presented on the January 20-22, 2012 retreat weekend. The next LOTW CORE Team meeting is Tuesday, December 20th. Letters of invitation will be sent home to parents of Blessed Sacrament School children in the Wednesday Weekly the first week of January; and LOTW will host coffee and rolls Sunday, January 8th, the same weekend of LOTW pulpit talks/sign up and a bulletin insert/invitation.

Living Rosary – Jan Broer

Nothing new to report

Marriage Encounter – Angi & Kirk McAndrew

Nothing new from the November report.

Perpetual Adoration – Lois Korinek

Lois was very grateful for the attention the Parish Council gave to her concerns. Lois has contacted Fr. Sullivan about putting in a bulletin insert after the first of the year regarding Perpetual Adoration and also mentioning this in a homily the same week. No changes in adorers or subs.

Prayer Line – Lynn Reuter

Nothing new to report

Retreats - Fran Mickelson

Nothing new to report

Retrovaille - Paul Wojtasek

The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be held February 17 – 19, 2012.

Schoenstatt – Theresa & Ron Johnson

A day of Retreat for adults is being held Saturday, December 10 (rescheduled from Dec 3rd). Also the Marian Missionaries are having an overnight retreat December 10th. Both of these are being held at Cor Mariea in Crete. There is a high school age group from Pius named the Sisters of Sanctity who meet with Sister Jennifer. There is also a couples group that meets with Sr. Veronica. Three pilgrimages to Germany are being planned for 2014. The Register has a listing of Schoenstatt activities.

Welcoming Committee – Sheila Ertl

The Committee is taking a break until the new year. Might try to get together for a parish picture if time allows.

LITURGY—Paul Dion

There was no report given.

Father Haschke:

GodTeams groups are going well.

Fr. Haschke has been and will continue to be participating in group discussion and viewing of videos regarding Catholic doctrine. The sessions have had an approximate attendance of 35-40 people and hoping for more members. The remaining videos in the series will be shown during lent.

PASTOR - Father Sullivan:

Fr. Sullivan spoke on the changes of the translation for the Holy Mass. He feels that the translation is interesting and challenging; however, he very much enjoys the new translation. Fr. Sullivan does understand some of the frustration of the parishioners in working with the new translation.

- Upcoming Meetings:

January 8, 2011 (2nd Sunday) at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting closed with prayer at 6:50 p.m.