

Blessed Sacrament Lincoln, Nebraska Parish Council Meeting Minutes



11 September 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: Fr. Haschke, Jason Seulter, Rena Smith.

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

Council Meeting opened at 6:02 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

This report was given by Fr. Sullivan on Suelter's behalf. July 2011, was a very bad month for the parish for finances. The parish hopes that the new drive for the giving is receptive to the parish. The next phase of plan for giving is to meet with each family in the parish, face to face, to ask for additional contributions.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL - Holly Kruger

The School virtue of focus in September is prayer. The Lied Center art show was September 18, 2011, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Twenty three Blessed Sacrament students had art work on display. The Baptism Mass and Assembly for September was held on September 19, 2011. The celebrants had lunch with the principal at 11:30, the same day. The Junior High, cooked and served meals at Matt Talbot on September 21, 2011.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held on September 26, 2011. A PTA meeting was held on September 27, 2011, where the discussion of Fest Quest Games, coffee and rolls, and the installation of new officers was had.

BUILDING and GROUNDS – Chris Beardslee

General Items

1. Engaging the Ushers Club and those on Time and Talent Survey.
2. It was suggested that we recruit at least one parent from each grade as a contact for the Buildings and Ground Committee for planning work projects and involving the school families.
3. Development of a Building and Grounds Committee structure. Within the committee, different buildings will be assigned to various committee members as to “point person” for work within that building.
4. work activities calendar. Maintenance items that are done (or should be) on a regular basis, will be listed on a calendar as a monthly “to do” list to avoid getting behind on regular maintenance.
5. Getting ready for winter.

School Building

1. Change the filters in all mechanical units. Chris Beardslee will contact a source to purchase the necessary filters.
2. The return air duct from the Gym to the mechanical unit needs to be cleaned. That cleaning will involve a lift or some scaffolding.
3. The system on the second floor, west building (computer Lab) needs to be balanced. Investigation needs to be done to determine how this can be done.
4. Boiler Vault leaking. Chris Beardslee will contact a sealant and restoration contractor to seal the joints in the paving over the top of the vault and to provide a proposal for tuckpointing the school next year.
5. Insulation of steam piping in classrooms. The same contractor that has insulated the other steam pipes will be contacted to do this during the holiday break.
6. Window Replacement project. Work is moving ahead in finalizing contracts for the replacement of the last 16 remaining original windows in the west building. That work will take place this fall.
7. Insulation of refrigerant lines. Father Sullivan reported on the replacement of one of the AC units in the East Building and the repairs to the insulation of the refrigerant lines of the other units. These were responsible for water leaking into the classrooms.
8. Need for water fountain in area of lunch room. Look into the possibility of fixture change at one of the sinks with a bubbler/faucet combination.
9. Discussed the need to get an article in the bulletin as well as the newsletter with the names of the volunteers that helped at the school work day.
10. Playground patch. Holly has found a material that can be used to patch the resilient playground surface. That information has been forwarded to Chad Baker who will be following up on the installation of repairs.

11. Striping the parking lot.
12. Concrete drive south of the school needs to be put on the schedule for replacement.
13. Replacement grates for the trench drain north for the school need to be ordered. We discussed finding cast iron grates in lieu of the composite plastic.
14. We discussed some future planning (this winter) for the Gym Floor replacement.
15. Chad Baker suggested developing a list for the teachers use to communicate maintenance items when they are noticed. Chad will model it after one that has been used successfully by another parish.

Church Building

1. Light bulb above organ: Lyle will investigate a different bulb configuration within the existing fixture.
2. Mechanical unit in Brides Room has been reported as not functioning.
3. We discussed the need to remove the unit heater covers and clean the fintubes as the dirt is becoming visible on the walls.
4. Ice damming at Sacristy was a problem in last winter. We discussed the installing of additional heat tape to prevent icing. We also need to verify that the existing heat tape and outlet are working.

Rectory

1. John Burkey reported on work he has been doing in the Rectory. There was a leak in one of the showers which resulted in a significant amount of work which is now nearing completion.
2. The soffit outside the front entry needs to be completed before the weather gets cold.
3. All exterior doors are in need of new weather-stripping.
4. Father Sullivan reported that recently some roof work had been done over the garage to repair some leaks. Suggested we monitor the areas that had leaked previously and once it appears as though the repairs were successful, some new interior finishes can be considered.

Safety Issues

1. No safety issues were discussed.

Our next meeting will be **October 5th, 2011 @ 8:15 PM**

PARISH ACTIVITIES – Maggie Aldrich

Alter Society- Altar Soc. meeting Sept. 14 at 7:00 Art Room in the school

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts **SEPTEMBER 2011**

1 Scouting Round Table Meeting. 7p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 43rd & Sumner.
The meeting is open to all Boy Scout and Cub Scout leaders and parents.

6 Parent Planning Meeting. 7p.m. in Kramer Hall. All parents are encouraged to attend and to help plan activities for the Pack. We'd like to plan a campout, our annual popcorn sale, and the next advancements ceremony, as well as our events for the Fall school year. Please attend.

13 Den Meetings. 7 p.m. in Kramer Hall. All dens, Tigers, Wolves, Bears and First-year Webelos will meet in Kramer Hall, or where their Den Leaders have arranged.

14 Webelos-2 Den Meeting. 7p.m. at the Beardslee home, 2321 West Stirrup Drive. The Second-year Webelos will be working on their Naturalist and Forester Achievements. Come prepared to get into nature!

17 New Scout Joining Event. 9 a.m -1:30 p.m. at the Cornhusker Council Outdoor Education Center, 600 S 120th, Walton, NE. This event is free and open to all NEW Cub Scouts and their families. New Scouts should have picked up a yellow card and a blue card with all of the information about this event at the August 30th School Night for Scouting joining meeting. It's a great way to get started in Scouting.

20 Pack Meeting. 7 p.m in Kramer Hall. We will be welcoming our newest members of Pack 44.

23 Popcorn Sale Starts! . For those scouts selling popcorn, please arrange for a time to come and pick up a "popcorn kit" from our Popcorn "warehouse". Call Jon & Cynthia Frobom, 1727 Ryons Street, (402-435-0393). Kits will be available at their home from 9am to 12:00pm on September 23rd. If you can't make it during that time, please call them to arrange another time. This is our ONLY fundraiser. Please help the Pack by selling some popcorn.

30 First Annual Pack Fall Campout. 7:00 p.m - "Beardslee Acres", 2321 W Stirrup Dr. We will be holding our first Fall Campout at "Beardslee Acres", the acreage of Chris and Mary Beardslee. The campout goes until Saturday, October 1, at 11:00 a.m. Still in need of a Secretary to record minutes at Pack Committee Meetings, and an "Assistant Popcorn Kernel" to help with sales.

Fest Quest-

*Goal is to sell 6000 raffle tickets this year (5450 were sold in 2010). Encourage everyone to sell their tickets and turn them in BEFORE the event so we can track the parish progress on the poster in the back of Church

*Changes in FQ for 2011

- No inflatables, instead there will be a 9 hole mini golf course
- No block party (gift card) game this year, it fizzled out in the past. Gift cards will be used for baskets and other auction items that need filler.
- Trivia Night is on Friday night rather than Saturday, and there will be a live auction at trivia nite.
- All silent and live auction items will be listed on the parish website for those who wish to view them prior to the event
- PTA is working on a few new children's games
- Menu this year will be Mr. Goodcents subs, soup, chips, pickles, lemonade and ice tea. Desserts for sale in the sweet shoppe.
- Sponsorship money was collected and is being used for live auction items.

Key Dates:

- **Sept 17th/18th and 24/25th: Volunteer Sign Up** after all Masses. We need over 75 volunteers for the event weekend, please plan to share an hour or two of your time.
- **Sept 18th and Sept 25th, 2:30 – 4:00 PM: Silent Auction Basket Drop off & Assembly Sessions.** Drop off your assembled silent auction basket or stop in for assembly assistance. Both sessions will be at the School. For additional information or questions, contact Deb Cabela at 402-423-4000.
- **Sunday, Sept 25th: Donation Deadline.** All silent and live auction items must be submitted by this date

Knights of Columbus –

Calendar of Events Date	Day	Time	Item/Location
9/10	Sat	3:00 pm	Football Seats (Fresno

9/14	Wed	7:00 pm	State) 1st Degree followed by the General Meeting/Kraemer Hall
9/17	Sat	11:30 am	Football Seats (Washington)
9/18	Sun	After masses	Coffee & donuts/Gym (Proceeds to school kitchen equipment)
9/18	Sun	2:00 pm	Fr. McGivney film at Cathedral
9/18	Sun	4:00 pm	1st Degree/Newman Center
9/21	Wed	6:30 pm	CCD Rosary Project/School
9/24	Sat	8:30 am	Soccer Challenge @ North American Martyrs (1101 Isaac Drive)-Kicking starts at 9:00 am
10/1	Sat	7:45 am	Roadside cleanup (Rain Date 10/15)/Lee's Chicken (1940 West Van Dorn St)
10/5	Wed	7:30 pm	Officers' Meeting/Kraemer Hall
10/7-9			Fest Quest Weekend (Trivia Night on Friday the 7th. Meal & auctions on the 9th). Volunteers are needed.

Preparing and Serving Funeral Dinners- Nothing to report.

Preparing Meals for Priests- They did get the replacement they were looking for. Things are running smoothly.

Sunday Coffee and Rolls- They still have holes that need to be filled in. 4th Sundays are open. Bob will put something in the bulletin.

Table for Ten- Still trying to recruit a few more members for the committee. Lori will be having a meeting at her house in late Sept or early Oct to start planning. Date is set (Feb 11th) and place is reserved (LCC).

UNL Football Stadium Seats- They are always in need of help. You have to be 14, have not lettered in a sport, and arrive 3 hours before the game, as well as stay 1.5 hours after the game. All money comes back to BSac, regardless of whether or not you are a parishioner. Anyone at a game is encouraged to come help out after the game. They have done one game and had another this weekend. They generally do 7 home games, the last one this year, being the Iowa game on Thanksgiving Friday. A breakdown on how the money gets distributed: they have generally 29 people that work the west stadium. At the end of the season, a check gets written to BSac. Paul keeps track all season of who worked and how many times. You put your group that you want the money to go to. When BSac gets the check, it gets split up between groups, according to who worked how many times. Generally it's \$40/person/game. That can add up to a lot if you have several members of your group working games for several years (Godteens). It's a great fundraising opportunity.

STEWARDSHIP - Jennifer Nottlemann

Fr. Sullivan will send a copy of our parish database to the photographer for the parish directory planned for between Christmas and New Year's. Simple announcements for the bulletin about the upcoming parish directory plans will begin in September.

The next edition of the parish newsletter will be mailed November 18th. Articles need to be emailed to Paul Dion before October 15th. Article topics include

1. Fr. Sullivan's 2nd article about the Liturgical changes
2. Thank you to the people that participated in the grounds clean up in August
3. Advent article
4. History of Jan Broer's father's chalice
5. Fr. Haschke's autobiography
6. Finance Committee summary of Renewal of Treasurer campaign
7. FestQuest pictures

We are scheduled to serve Coffee & Rolls after the Masses on September 25th. We will request the GodParents/GodTeen participants share the 4th Sunday's for coffee and rolls.

Next meeting - October 16th at 5 pm

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE - Rena Smith

No report given.

SOCIAL ACTION – Linda Broers

St Vincent DePaul – Bob Haller

Fr. Haschke attended the meeting last month at Blessed Sacrament with all other conferences which was a good meeting. The members took calls this past week and are in the process of responding to those in need.

Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach – Mary Jo Bousek

Matt Talbot Kitchen held a Garden Party brunch last Saturday, serving several quiches with ingredients from their garden and several different herb breads from their garden. Farmer Bill helps with the garden and with many of the plantings around the building. He spoke briefly about various gardening tips and then led a tour through the garden. The event was a small fundraiser. On October 8th, MTKO has its annual "Huskers Helping the Homeless" fundraiser where 300-400 volunteers will be around the downtown and stadium area before the Ohio State football game, asking for donations. Anyone interested in helping can call 477-4116 and ask for Susie Wilson or Vicki and they will explain what is involved and get you signed up. If you have small children that can help that adds to the collections as people love to give to kids. This is a major fundraiser for general operations.

The number of guests using the feeding program increased some during the hot summer months, but may have settled back down to average by now. It's always hard to tell how many to prepare for. (Such a challenge we have!)

Matt Talbot is looking for a volunteer to help coordinate and guide the various maintenance jobs that come along occasionally. He/she doesn't have to DO the maintenance, just receive the call from a staff person regarding the nature of the problem and then contact the right person or company to fix it and perhaps follow-up to see that it's done. This will free up staff time quite a bit. If you know of someone who would like to do this or would like more information, let Mary Jo know. It's a VERY part time position - but would probably be best handled by a retired or non-working person who could be available during the day.

The board of directors is holding a strategic planning day early in October so it will be interesting to hear what comes from that. MTKO appreciates everything we all do for the poor and homeless of Lincoln. Let's keep on keeping on!

Pro-Life – *Melissa Zierke*

40 Days for Life starts September 28th and goes through November 6th. 40 Days is having a prayerful presence at the new abortion clinic. Blessed Sacrament has Sundays 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Life Chain is in October, but the date is not yet known. The team is still working on the new t-shirt design.

Rides for the Elderly – *Deb Cabela*

In the last month we have transported an average of 3 people to weekly mass from Lancaster Manor. Kathy Wells is also bringing people from the LCC. Starting Monday, Deb will be taking Jean Williams to RCIA on Mondays and Kathy will be taking a lady from LCC.

Prison Fellowship Ministry / Angel Tree – *Chris & Amy Champoux*

No update for the past month.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL LIFE—Mary Ryan

This report was provided by Nancy Kopischke

Confraternity of Christian Mothers:

Christian Mothers resumed meetings September 24, 2011, and studied the Theology of the Mass with Fr. Haschke.

Legion of Mary

The 90th Anniversary Mass was held Saturday, September 10th at Blessed Johns. The Bishop celebrated the Mass and a luncheon followed. All active auxiliary Legion members were invited to attend. Afterward, a video of Frank Duff, founder of the Legion was shown, Names of several people that Blessed Sacrament's Legion of Mary is praying for have been submitted to further the cause of Mr. Duff's Canonization.

Marriage Encounter

Angi and Kirk McAndrew are scheduled to give an October 21-23 weekend in Omaha.

Perpetual Adoration

Five people have taken open hours in the last several weeks.

Retreats

Nothing to report this month.

Bible Study

Currently, there is no Bible study. David Essay has an idea for one, but is dealing with health

Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee planned the next meeting for October 1 and 2, 2011. The committee will provide pizza after the Saturday Mass and pastries after the Sunday Masses. There is a September meeting planned.

Retrouvaille

A Retrouvaille weekend was held in Schuyler the weekend of August 12-14th. The 12 Week post-sessions after the retreat weekend are continuing. The C.O.R.E. (Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience) community continues to meet on the Third Sunday of the month. The current study series is: Love and Respect, by Emerson Eggerichs.

Schoenstatt

September 17, 2011, was a reflection day for young mothers. A leadership convention was held in October in Waukesha, WI. Sr. Jennifer has been meeting with high school girls once a month before school at Pius X.

Engaged Encounter

Vicki and Scott Clarke were the leaders at the weekend in August. There were approximately 22 couples. Beginning next month the talks will be different than the ones that have been presented for the past ten years or so. They have been rewritten by the national committee.

Light of the World

A presentation on the vision for Light of the World at Blessed Sacrament Parish was given August 10th and 11th to active members of the Light of the World communities. Surveys on areas of service within Light of the World were filled out by members in attendance and mailed to those unable to attend. Results were discussed with Fr. Sullivan so the process of implementing the new structure for grown within Light of the World can continue. Plans have begun in preparation for the next Light of the World of retreat to be held in late January 2012. The next Light of the World Parish core Team meeting is Tuesday, September 20, 2011.

Living Rosary

Two new members in the last month—Have lost several so the membership remains constant.

Prayer Line

No report.

LITURGY—Paul Dion

Acolytes/EM – Nothing from Rich this month.

Readers/Lectors – Nothing from Dan this month.

Altar Servers – Nothing to report.

Church Decorations – Nothing to report.

Music Ministry – Nothing to report.

Greeters/Gift Bearers – Nothing new to report.

Wedding Coordinators – The only thing I want to bring up is the some lights are still out in the Brides room. Windie Wolfgang knows how to change fluorescent bulbs but we do not know where they are stored. And the air conditioner in the Brides room does not work. Deb has mentioned it to Fr. Sullivan so he is aware of it already.

Order of Martha – We are working on a forming a Junior Order of Martha and having the girls make the Baptismal bibs for BS. Also working on an Altar cloth for the back altar.

Ushers Club – Nothing to report

PASTOR - Father Sullivan:

CCD: We are pleased with the number of CCD participants. The current schedule reflects approximately 100 students. RCIA will be “kicking off” soon and we expect a good crowd.

- Upcoming Meetings:

October 16, 2011 (3rd Sunday)

Driver moved to adjourn the meeting; Nottleman second the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with prayer at 7:10 p.m.

Next Council Meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.