

**ST AUGUSTIN PARISH COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2009 MINUTES
Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

Emily Duong called the September meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Father Jim led the group in prayer. All council members were Present: Emily Duong, Rob den Hartog, Todd Erzen, Sandra Mosley, Joe Kobes, Sherill Whisenand, Joe Dullard, Milton Anania.

The 2009-2010 officers were elected. Sherill Whisenand nominated Emily Duong to continue as Chair, 2nd by Rob den Hartog elected by acclamation; Vice-Chair nominations: Sherill Whisenand nominated Todd Erzen; seconded, carried by acclamation; Todd Erzen nominated Sherill Whisenand for secretary; seconded. Sherill Whisenand elected by acclamation.

REPORTS:

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mindi Dickinson reported that September 1st was the Open House. Classes average 26 students. The sixth grade class is the largest. Mindi reported that the student enrollment is 247 which is near capacity. She reported that students are working on lector reading and music for the Mass. The auction will be held on November 14th.

Council discussed the coordination of the children's music between St. Augustin School (SAS), the church, and RE (Religious Education). Emily Duong commented that the children's chorus should be about unity and open to everyone. Todd Erzen stated that the SAS must articulate its core message of what makes SAS great and better than a public school. He said the school needs to avoid being cliquish and standoffish, and work toward being more integrated into the Church activities. Joe Dullard said that as a Parish Council, we need to help support the efforts to move forward.

ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER:

Erin Wenham described the renewal program, "On A Journey Together." She reported that as of September 8th there were 22 leaders with 8-10 members in each group and the goal was set to reach 300 in St. Augustin Parish. Sandra Mosely complimented Erin Winham for coordinating the program. Erin mentioned OAJT was only evangelization but a way to make it fun, not political, to allow each participant to feel safe for their discussions and enjoy the social aspect of the program. Erin asked that we pray to the Holy Spirit to take over and help create this wonderful program, one season at a time.

ST. AUGUSTIN PASTORAL PLAN:

Rob Den Hartog stated that the Pastoral Plan should be moved to the top of all Parish Council committee reports so the Council does not lose sight of the commitments and resolutions set forth in this working document. He said that he had been hearing positive feedback about the changes taking place based on the report's implementation thus far. Milton Anania asked if they could meet more than once a month because of the magnitude and scope of the proposed plan.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Parish Life: Sandra Mosley; Building & Grounds: Joe Kobes and Emily Duong; Finance Council representatives are Rob Den Hartog and Joe Kobes; Liturgy: Sherill Whisenand and Milton Anania; Education: Todd Erzen; Communications: Rob Den Hartog; Joe Kobes, and Sherill Whisenand; St. Augustin Foundation: Emily Duong.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Rob Den Hartog distributed the Finance Council report. Highlights are: (1) Pat Wright's school subsidy formula recommended at 52.5% will be 53.67% of parish tithe income for FY 2010; (2) more transparent financial reports are to be generated; (3) Foundation reports distributed by Andy Ball; (4) sharing information among the committees is needed. Rob stated that a September 27th meeting of the Joint Session of Councils and committees would take place from 4-6 p.m. at St. Augustin. He stated that Andy Ball did a great job forecasting the year as he accurately predicted the school deficit of \$42,519. Mindi Dickinson, SAS Board Chair, said that their team will review the budget on a monthly rather than quarterly basis in FY 2010 to avoid future deficits. Mindi Dickinson stated the SAS has done everything they can on cutting the expenses.

Another issue was the Diocesan Appeal for the Parish whose income so far amounts to \$123,00, or \$37,000 under the Parish goal of \$160,000. Rob stated that there needed to be a change in the Pastoral Plan to widen the funding base of donors for all components of Church and School fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS:

Emily Duong discussed the plan for eventually building an elevator to facilitate access. Joe Kobes was asked to serve on the oversight and development committee for this project.

Sandra Mosley reported that a welcoming event was planned for October 25th as the next newcomer event in the Parish Hall. She asked if it would be appropriate for the Cantor to announce who was doing the Lectionary reading, the music, etc. Father Polich explained that would not be appropriate because it focuses attention on the individual minister rather than on God, who is the object of our worship.

Father Polich distributed a master list of new parishioners. Each Parish Council member is asked to call 2-3 new parishioners and welcome them to the Parish. Emily Duong asked each member to review the Parish Council by-laws and become familiar with their contents.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Sandra Mosely moved to adjourn; seconded by Joe Kobes. Passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherill Whisenand
Pastoral Council Secretary