

St. Joseph Parish Council Minutes
June 8, 2014

President John Quallen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and Msgr. Mike opened with prayer.

Roll call was taken with 28 members and 56 guests present,

The May Minutes were approved by the membership

Thanks were given to the present membership and especially for the outgoing members for all their help, influence, and work during the past year.

Newly elected members, Jack Laviolette Joe Ryan, Betty Kirby, Cheryl Furtek, and Pat Keegan were welcomed to the meeting.

John Arasimowicz reported on the C. C. D. program and stated that pre-registration is going well and that confirmation will take place in the fall. He also reported on the upcoming Polish Picnic. Donations are needed especially of water. More water is consumed than soda. Volunteers are necessary to make this event a success, and he called upon the committee members to help in what ever capacity they were able. More information will be posted in the bulletin as the time goes on.

Pat Momnie reported that in the Pastoral Care program, visits are made to 25 folks in individual homes, 22 in senior complexes, 22 in assisted Living Facilities, and 52 in Nursing Homes for a total of 121 visits.

Peg Dunlop reported that at their May meeting Sr. Colette Hanlon presented a wonderful reflection on Mary in a Martha World. Also, the Society hosted a funeral reception in May. She reminded that members that the Society oversees the bake sale at the Polish Picnic, and that baked goodies are always needed. The June meeting is scheduled for June 18 and will feature a movie and popcorn night.

Jeff Vincent reported that 436 20/20 tickets have been sold thus far. That number is slightly more than last year. However the program is operating in the red. \$3,200 pays for prizes, \$8,720 is taken in, expenses and prizes run at \$9,200 leaving a shortage of \$480.

Jack Laviolette reported on several items:

- The Lumberjack Breakfast is Sunday June 15th and tickets are \$8.
- Sharing Roots Festival had their first meeting and several suggestions were made: the Prayer of the Faithful will continue in several different languages, games are being added to the Kiddy Land, extension cords will be purchased, more Security is needed, and consideration is being given to extending the tag sale to Saturday.
- Much discussion was had over the City Stage issue: In the past there was never a charge for the use of the city stage. This year there is a \$500 charge for its usage. St. Joseph has always supplied the grounds and electricity to the City in exchange

for the Stage usage for no charge. Msgr. Mike and the committee agreed that this was not right and the church would no longer supply free usage of property and utilities to the city for MANY other events. Mark Brennan will look into the matter.

- It is important for everyone involved to recognize that the Sharing Roots Festival is not a fund raising event but a Parish Family Event and that we should focus on that.
- The council voted NO to having a large raffle event as part of the Sharing Roots Festival. Small scale raffles (50/50) are acceptable.

Mark Brennan reported that third Thursday concession will begin in June on the Parish grounds as in the past.

He also reported that the Volunteer picnic went very well. It was well attended and the food was delicious and plentiful.

Msgr. Reported that on Saturday there will be 2 new priests ordained in the diocese. He thanked the many volunteers who support the parish in so many helpful ways. The Parish has processed insurance claims for the down spouts and water main problems. \$1,700 was the cost of the water main bill leaving that budget at \$5,000 in the red. Needed replacement of the organ will cost \$40,000. Msgr. consulted a knowledgeable musician, who suggested that a cleaning and conditioning would improve the organ situation without the high cost of replacement at this time. There is also a pointing repair to masonry at the rear of the church building that needs attention soon.

John called for election of officers for next year. The following members were nominated, accepted, and voted in: Chairman – John Quallen, Vice Chairman – Elaine LaPierre, and Secretary – Cheryl Furtek,

Next Meeting is September 21, 2014

Deacon Pat offered the closing prayer and John adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine A. Dabrouse, secretary