



# St. Louis Catholic Church

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## Parish Council Minutes August 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nathan Wanstrath at 7:00 PM.

### **Attendance:**

Chairperson Nathan Wanstrath, Vice-Chairperson Kevin Chaffee, Secretary Sebastian Moster, Ryan Rahe, DeeDee Kaiser, Kathy Mattucci, Amy Tonges, Kim Koehne, John Kellerman, Linda Siefert and Mary Jo Wuestefeld.

### **Opening Prayer:**

The opening prayer was given by Kevin Chaffee.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Ryan Rahe and seconded by Kim Koehne to approve the minutes. A copy of the minutes will be placed in the binder in the back of church and emailed to the parish secretary.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Nathan read two email messages from Fr. Randy to serve as the Pastor's Report. Father apologized that his vacation coinciding with the timing of the bulletin announcement of Fr. Stephen's decision to leave the parish did not allow for advanced notice of that change to the Parish Council. Also, due to Fr. Stephen's departure, there will be a new Mass schedule effective September 3; Mass will no longer be celebrated on Monday nor Saturday morning.

### **New Business:**

There was no new business to discuss.

### **Reports:**

The reports were sent out prior to the meeting to all council and committee members for review. Jason Burlage reported only changes to the Finance Committee, members are now as follows: Jason Burlage (Chairperson,) Erik Tuveson, Bruce Rippe, Jill Leising-Koch (School representative). DeeDee updated the status of grants that have been applied for and summarized the current plans for the pre-festival Biergarten. Kathy asked whether this event was for adults only, and some discussion followed in regards to the possibility of providing activities for children at this event in the coming years. Amy Tonges gave a summary of the commission training session provided to the School

Commission by Kathy Mears and Rob Rash of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Kathy Mattucci reported on Fr. Stephen's anniversary celebration, and introduced Linda Siefert as the new chairperson of the Parish Life Commission. They are also planning to have a "farewell" coffee and donuts social for Fr. Stephen after all Masses on his final weekend at the parish, August 27 & 28. Kim Koehne reported on Faith Formation activities. The reports are enclosed and made a part of these minutes.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business to discuss.

**Closing Prayer:**

The closing prayer was lead by Nathan Wanstrath. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for September 20 in Room B1 of the school.

## Development Report August 16, 2011

Bill Giltz Memorial Golf Tournament in conjunction with the Athletic Club on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Turn out same as last year. Final report not completed until Sept.

Re-applied to RSRF for 13 interactive whiteboards on July 15<sup>th</sup>; should hear by September

Applied to RCCF for 30 iPad2s for art, gym, music and Spanish rooms on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Development Team met to begin planning Saturday night before festival---St. Louis Bier-Garten.

Annual fund ended year with only \$34,070.00; average of \$113.95 per donor---256 donors.

Tuition Angel gave school over \$20,000.00.

Both programs will continue next year; Annual Fund will kick off in early October. The plan is to have three solicitations this school year.

Tuition Angel continues all year; most funds come from memorial gifts.

# **School Commission Meeting**

## **8-11-2011**

**In place of our normal August School Commission Meeting, we scheduled a commission training session with two representatives from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Kathy Meers and Rob Rash gave an excellent presentation to the current members of school commission. Some of the key discussion points were:**

- 1. The role of School Commission**
- 2. The various committees the Commission should have**
- 3. Some do's and don'ts for commission members**
- 4. The role of School Commission in developing the budget for the school.**
- 5. The goals and measurements we should be setting.**

**Other business:**

**Our next meeting is September 6. We will be developing a plan to inform the parish of the benefits of donating to the SGO.**

Faith Formation Report  
August 2011

Faith Formation has not met since the last Parish Council meeting. We will be meeting August 25<sup>th</sup> though to discuss the Faith Formation calendar for the next year. Several items are up for discussion. These include the upcoming Mass changes (fall timeframe as changes take effect the first week of Advent), a Bible Study/discussion group for the spring, and a Parish Mission in the spring. We will also be discerning for a Vice Chairperson and Secretary at this meeting.

We had previously tabled all discussion on the “Choosing Pathways” program as we transitioned to a new pastor. It is likely now that we will pick that back up again this year to determine what our goals are to better serve the parish community’s faith journey.

More details will come in future weeks as we determine what best fits the needs of the parish.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Koehne