

**St. Francis Xavier Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
September 20, 2010

**Present:** Fr. Hennen, Kelly Boyle, Randy Bunting, Val Enter, Debbie Gladitsch, Randy Latzig, Bob Pahl, Rita Rasset, Wayne Shamla, Pat Whalen.  
**Absent:** none

**Approval of June minutes:** Minutes were approved by members via email and posted on the parish website.

**Open Mic: Comments/questions to PPC members by phone or email:**

- Overall positive feedback regarding Glory Days.

**Committee Reports:**

**Adult Faith Formation:** Pat Whalen reported the Adult Faith Formation (AFF) information table at Glory Days was a good opportunity for people to sign-up and obtain information regarding AFF. Registrations for fall Adult Faith Formation programs are less than expected; however 17 people are registered for RCIA. Programs will begin the week of September 19. Planning for the Cana Dinner in January has begun, a speaker is needed. Committee members are: Fr. Hennen, Karen Baker, Becky Berndt, Mary Buschel, Anne DeWolfe, Deb Flatla, Jan Hance, Laurie Kramber, Don Soupir, Pat Whalen, PCC representative.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Randy Bunting and Randy Latzig explained preliminary drawings for an addition to the church that would enclose the front entrance and include an elevator, a gathering space, and much needed storage. Bids for the project are requested by October 15, 2010. Funds for the project must be in hand before construction can begin. Approximately \$300,000.00 has been collected to date for this project. The ramp at church will not begin renovation until the front of the church is remodeled thus establishing a handicap entrance. Leaks in the roof of the Education Center will be addressed by the builder, VanMan. The gymnasium floor at the Education Center was replaced per warranty by the builder this summer due to rippling of the original flooring material. The new floor is softer, but is prone to heel marks; a safe method for cleaning is being explored. Trees that need trimming at the Education Center will be evaluated by a local tree trimmer. The open lot on the south of the Education Center should be seeded with grasses that can be harvested and used by local farmers; the approximate cost of this will be \$150.00. Committee Members: Randy Bunting, PCC representative Randy Latzig, PCC representative, Ed Bokusky, Fritz Budig, Dave Marquette, Jerome Moline, Bob Quigley, Don Soupir.

**Education Advisory Committee:** Val Enter reported that the day school enrollment continues to increase and prospective families and students continue to tour the school. The new Director of Faith Formation, Brantley Milligan, was introduced to the group. The new Family Model for FF grades pre-K to 10<sup>th</sup> grade is being implemented this fall; the Director will also consider restructuring of the youth group currently known as "Grounded" that meets on Sunday evenings. The EAC needs additional representative

members, a school parent, a parent with child/ren in FF, and two parish members. Bylaws of the EAC were reviewed by the committee; role clarification will be sought from Fr. Hennen by the committee chair. Committee Members: Kristen Basten, Angela Bobick, Chair, Val Enter, PCC representative, Theresa Langton, FF parent representative, Brantly Millegan, Director of Faith Formation, Kim Zumbusch, Principal - Day School, open position – FF parent representative, open position – Day School parent representative, open position – parish representative, open position – parish representative.

**Finance Council:** Wayne Shamla reported that the church's finances are doing ok. Preliminary reports are that Glory Days was profitable. The role of the Finance Council was discussed by the FC committee members and will seek clarification of their role from Fr. Hennen. Committee Members: Rock Bobick, Jerry Borgerding – Chair, Joe Coolen, Mary Duerr, Tom Kuzma, Mary Jo Stubstad, Co-chair, Judy Weldele.

**Liturgy Committee:** Kelly Boyle and Debbie Gladitsch reported the Liturgy Committee is actively planning the Thanksgiving liturgy and asked that the PCC consider sponsoring a Thanksgiving Day meal that would be open to the public. The committee also clarified that Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 9 am at Trinity Hall, 5 pm and 7 pm in the Church. All sacristans are invited to attend Alter Server Trainer practice on Saturday, September 25. Church cleaning needs to take place regularly; Kelly Boyle will organize this and set up a schedule for monthly cleaning and responsibilities. Committee Members: Kelly Boyle, PCC representative, Anita Boster, Kay Callahan, Toni Diem, Director of Music, Jane Filek, Debbie Gladitsch, PCC representative, Marlene Meyer, Lois Pahl, Kathy Peterson, Ron Muntifering.

**Outreach:** Bob Pahl and Rita Rasset reported on the status of Love, INC, The Big Woods charitable organization that is establishing itself in the Buffalo community. Love, INC is in the process of raising funds to hire an executive director and set-up a clearing house office in Buffalo where people in need can go to receive financial and social assistance. St. Francis Xavier and several other area churches have provided financial support for this organization to begin establishing itself in the area. A gala event fundraiser will be held Sunday November 14 from 4:30 – 8 pm at Christ the King Retreat House in Buffalo, donations and volunteers are requested. Irene Burke organizes The Knittin Kittens and has made several large donations of hand-knitted hats, mittens and scarves recently. There was no update from the Food Shelf this month. A Healing Mass will be held in October.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Increase in social outreach is the goal for the parish. Four programs were identified as areas of social need that the parish and its members can impact: 1. Sharing & Caring Hands – Chris Kunze will coordinate serving meals at the Minneapolis Sharing & Caring Hands; 2. Love, INC – St. Francis Xavier will continue its financial support and work to encourage additional donations and volunteers for its various fundraisers; 3. Eucharist and other services for nursing home and assisted living communities. It was suggested that Deacon Otto might be considered to lead this effort to organize a schedule of

Eucharist, recitation of the Rosary, and other services such as Adopt-a-Grandparent at nursing homes and assisted living residences. It was also suggested that Adopt-a-Grandparent be more widely advertised and encouraged, currently Debbie Gladitsch can be contacted for more information on the Adopt-a-Grandparent program; 4. Buffalo Area Food Shelf will continue to be an avenue of social outreach for St. Francis Xavier Parish.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:05 pm

**Next Meeting:** October 18, 2010 8:30 pm at the Education Center

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Rasset, Secretary