

St. Robert Parish Council  
Approved Minutes  
April 27, 2010  
6:30 P.M.  
St Robert School Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Father Dennis, Father Robert, Adam Kessenich, Deb Scheid, Lorre Inda, Greg Kaftan, Chris Schorse, Lisa LaVine, Mary Linn, Margaret Sankovitz, Kathy Wyatt

**Members Excused:** Rob Frediani, Joe O'Neil, Nancy Knight

**Guests:** Elizabeth Cleveland, Claire Anderson, Cory Shaefer

1. Opening Prayer – Nancy Knight (read by Deb)
2. Revised Roman Missal – Father Dennis  
We will skip the revised Roman Missal this month and return to it next month.
3. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2010 (one correction noted)
4. Approval of Agenda (one item added: Road Construction)
5. Report on Proposed 2010-2011 Budget – Elizabeth Cleveland

The 2010-2011 budget as planned shows a \$2,475 surplus. Elizabeth walked us through the budget highlighting various aspects. Contributions have been adjusted downward from the current fiscal year. The Archdioceses assessment has been reduced both for the current year budget and for the proposed 2010-2011 budget following Father Dennis' inquiry. The current assessment is approximately \$66K down from \$91K. The new budget has been adjusted accordingly. There will be no raises among school employees next fiscal year. Their bonuses will depend upon their parity with the public schools. Parish staff not shared with Holy Family will get a raise or a bonus as budgeted. Those who are shared between the parishes saw an increase in compensation at the time they became shared. Priest salaries have been frozen by the Archdiocese. Total SCRIP income is budgeted for \$7,500. Money raised by SCRIP this year will remain in the account so we can pre-buy cards next year. We have found people want to buy on the spot, not wait for a card. There was a short discussion regarding how realistic the budget was knowing that school enrollment is down for next year. The demographics are projected to pick back up the following year and the dip is expected to be short lived. Following this short discussion, the budget was approved as is.

6. St. Robert Centennial Celebration – Margaret Sankovitz

Margaret chaired the celebration for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish and is the current chair for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Upon reflection, Margaret would like to stay involved with the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration but has asked that a younger person take over the chair position. 2012 is the 100<sup>th</sup> year and this is when the celebration will take place. For the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary \$10K was spent on

a history book. Whether we do a book or not, money will be needed for the celebration for things like flowers in the church, etc. We will want to make sure we budget for the celebration. The first weekend in October 2012, is the planned big celebration. But Margaret emphasized that it need not be a one-time event but a celebration that continues throughout the year. We should think of it as a rallying point for looking back but for also looking forward. **Action All Parish Council Members: next month we will brainstorm names of possible people who can take the chair position (or serve as co-chairs). Deb to add as agenda item.**

7. Election Report – Deb Scheid

Margaret will stay on as trustee serving a 2-year term. The three at large members are Nancy Knight, Cory Shaefer, and Julia Killian who ran uncontested. There are five candidates for the youth position and the election will be held on May 15/16. The five members are: Adam Kessenich, Adam O’Neil, Alex Lane, Mitchell Tice, and Dan Vrobel.

8. Construction

We discussed the possible impact of the road construction on Mass attendance. We agreed that in the bulletin and on the website alternate routes to the church should be described. The construction will be a “moving target” so we’ll have to make sure the alternative routes stay up to date. On July 19 the construction will end in front of the church. We talked about finding ways to drum up attendance over the next several months. We have 1<sup>st</sup> communions followed by Mother’s day and the Fair to drive attendance but maybe we can think of other things to draw people in. **Action: Deb to find some creative people to help generate ideas.**

9. Pastors’ Report – Father Dennis

Father had received a letter from Rob Frediani regarding his decision to make the Youth Minister position full time. Father explained the difference between pastoral decisions and those that he shares with the Parish Council. Pastoral decisions he makes on his own, such as the Youth Minister decision. Decisions that impact the budget he will share with the council. Father made sure that the Youth Minister decision would not negatively impact the budget. To the extent that it did not, he saw it as a strictly pastoral decision.

10. Misc.

Claire shared the latest Mass attendance data with the council. Then we briefly discussed the need for people to head the following areas: Liturgical Environment, Advent Sharing Tree, and Live Nativity. Greg Kaftan agreed to head the Advent Sharing Tree. **Action Council: we need to brainstorm names of people to head the two remaining areas.**

11. Closing Prayer – Chris Schorse