

St. Robert Parish Council  
Final Minutes  
**March 15, 2011**  
St. Robert School Meeting Room

Members Present: Deb Scheid, Margaret Sankovitz, Adam Kessenich, Rob Frediani, Greg Kaftan, Kathy Wyatt, Joe O'Neil, Chris Schorse, Father Dennis, Bill Kovalcik

Members Excused: Nancy Knight, Julia Killian, Cory Schaefer

Guests: Sara Coffou, Dennis Reilly, Bob Stelter

1. **Opening Prayer:** Deb
2. **Approval of Minutes** of Feb 15, 2011  
**Approval of Agenda**
3. **Athletic Committee Report - Dennis Reilly filling in for Colleen Eimers**

Objective of the SRAA is to offer St. Robert Parish youth an opportunity to participate in sports and improve their fitness while guided by Christian values.

Basketball, Volleyball and Track are offered to students in grades 5 - 8. The teams may be part of the North Shore League, Metro Conference or the Notre Dame Don Bosco League. 2 to 3 athletes per class are not SR students.

Both 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls volleyball team were invited to the Seton tournament.

Little Peoples Basketball is a program for grades 1 - 4.

Open Gym is offered throughout the year.

An Athletic Banquet is held in spring for all teams.

Golf Outing in the fall is their only fundraiser.

Financials: There is a fee for all participants which is less than the actual cost of the programs. The programs are subsidized by the Golf Outing, concessions and admissions.

Expenditures in 2010 were approximately \$32,000 to remodel the locker rooms and a new storage space. The gym floor will need to be replaced in the near future and they are setting aside \$2500/year and have \$7500 to date. Additional improvements to seating, lighting, runners and scoreboard are being considered.

Problems and issues: A/B team splits; need for coaches (prefer non-parent)

Colleen will remain on board, but not as Director for 2011 - 2012. Would like to promote from within.

#### **4. Home & School Association Report - Sara Coffou**

Home & School more than a bank. The force behind parent involvement in both enrichment and service.

Five categories of volunteers.

Forty four committees/events

Each parent of the 195 families is required to volunteer for 4 events.

Major fundraiser events - labor intensive but very successful:

Rummage Sale - a community service event

Emerald Auction - contributes to the school operations (2010 Media Center updates follow school goals.)

H& S provides for parent coverage of: library, sick room, enrichment programs such as Art & Youth, and community service.

\$300,000 assets have dropped to \$150,000 do to the Media Center expense.

All fund raising and enrichment programs are under going review. Looking for new streams of revenue and families involvement.

Emerald Auction Raffle Board have opted to partner with the parish via the Fair and offered to organize a self-funded cash raffle modeled after St. Catherine's raffle. Details still to be worked out, but will be selling 1000 \$50 tickets beginning May 1, 2011 (after sponsorship letters mailed), with a 1 in 10 chance of winning. The profits (\$20-25,000) will be split equally between the school and parish, with school share to be on par with past raffles but with a greater yield for the parish. (Latest raffles yielded about \$3500 for the Parish.)

#### **5. Election Committee Report - Chris Schorse**

Election Timeline: Mar 26 to May 15; installation June 19. (See handout for details)

#### **6. Archdiocese District Meeting Report - Deb Scheid**

St. Robert Parish now part of district 13 extending S/N, from Gesu to St. Eugene's and W to 32<sup>nd</sup> St. District meetings to take place 2 x year.

Parishes met and shared their concerns about the vacant spaces in pews.

Archbishop is considering a new form of parish governing to be more consistent with Canon Law. Under the new model there would be separate parish councils and finance councils, both reporting directly to the pastor.

Focus on Evangelization. The how to get more people involved.

Ongoing struggle with staff and the economy.

## **7. Chapter 11 - Joe O'Neill**

Nothing filed to affect parishes. 15 person committee being formed.

## **8. Parish Collaboration Report - Deb Scheid**

Mark Kemmeter of the Archdiocese Office of Parish Planning will meet with our council and Holy Family's council most likely in May. He will discussing the process of parish collaboration.

## **9. Council Installation Date - Deb Scheid**

June 19, 2011. Parish council will also be responsible for hospitality that day.

## **10. Pastor's Report - Father Dennis**

Staff to look at parish/school theme. Not widely used nor promoted. Possibility of running articles in bulletin both by staff member and PC member as to 'How have I been fed?' Needs to be in homily when appropriate. Lisa will address signage and possibly buttons for promoting. Peggy to address bulletin. Lauren to work with artist to design banner to be used at all masses. Inspire - to have article regarding theme "We Are Fed"

Eucharistic focus/adoration. First Fri. of the month, morning or evening.

Budget:

- Liturgy underwriting to be looked at by Mary Jorgensen and Francine Micklus for:
- Christmas - rental of animals, costumes, musical instrumentals
- Easter - palms and candles
- New Missals (3)

St. Jude in Uganda received books, roof is on and cement plaster going on bricks. Photos available for viewing.

June 2011: shared associate pastor for St. Robert and Holy Family. He would work with high school and young adults and possibly younger. Archdiocese policy is to have an associate at parishes for a 3 - 6 yr appointment.

Father Augustine will be returning to Uganda in May. Father John to follow.

## **11. Finance Report - Greg Kafton**

Budget shortfall through Feb: **\$63,523**. Please see financial report for details. Need to obtain additional contributions in the four remaining months.

Will talk to Lisa Lesjak about outstanding pledges to Faith in Our Future.  
Look to those who have completed their FOF commitment for additional funds.

Potential development person for the parish – would require additional funding to cover salary. Hoping to give 3% salary increase to staff.

A detailed report for the grounds was submitted highlighting the capital expenses:  
Steeple, boiler, school fire alarm system.

\$160,000 in cash reserves.

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at  
Next Meeting: April 19, 2011