

**Saint Mary Parish, Milton
Pastoral Council Meeting
October 18, 2011 - Minutes**

I. Prayer

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM. Rudy Gaddini led the prayer.

Present: Father Jim Uppena, Sister Carol Hanus, Joyce Albright, Julia Foster-Armstrong, Steve Fernan, Rudy Gaddini, Mary Jane Hendricks, Steve Quade, Mike Sessler, Pat Starr, and Ron Yoss

Excused: Ron Kaiser and Dennis Campion

New members to the council were welcomed: Julia Foster-Armstrong, Trustee, Steve Quade, Ron Yoss, and Mike Sessler will continue on the council.

II. Minutes of September 20, 2011 Meeting

The minutes were reviewed and approved by Council members present. Pat Starr pointed out the following name change: Hospice Care, Inc. has been changed to AGRACE Hospice Care.

III. Commission/Committee Reports

A. Finance

The Finance Commission did not meet.

B. Building and Grounds

All projects seem to be on time and work is being completed. A listing of many items that need repair was published in the church bulletin and Steve Outhouse has offered to do all things listed. The work behind the offices is complete.

C. Education

A tour of the classroom area was conducted with several positive comments shared. Confirmation was held on September 21, 2011 for the Milton/Janesville Cluster at St. William Church in Janesville. A total of 129 young adults were confirmed. Parish involvement in the Catechetical Program continues to be strong with more volunteers needed for the larger Tuesday groups. Additional adults are needed as Faith Group Leaders as well as parish volunteers to help groups with their Actions. Regarding the Grade Retention Policy - - it was decided that the policies should be flexible to allow for special circumstances and input from parents.

D. Justice and Peace

The *Awakening Faith* program has had two meetings. Two people have shown interest with only one actual seeker.

E. Liturgy

Regarding Church Etiquette the Bishop has sent liturgical directives including comments about dress at mass. It is not clear how this issue will be handled. The new copies of the Roman Missal have arrived. There will be a copy in the Ark for reference. Environment for Christmas and Easter has been discussed. A discussion was held about ringing bells during the Eucharistic Prayer. The topic was tabled for additional discussion at the next meeting.

F. Pastoral Care

Gretchen Geist has been working on a project for the Parish Nurse program and will report to the Council in the future as her project is completed. A Prayer for Families has been drafted and we will begin using this prayer at the end of Petitions at Mass in November.

G. Stewardship Commission: The Offertory Program

A reminder letter has been sent to parishioners who completed pledge cards stating what was pledged and what they have donated so far. November 5th and 6th there will be an announcement telling about commitment weekend; November 12th and 13th will be commitment weekend and November 19th and 20th will be the follow-up.

H. Trusting in the Spirit

No meeting was held. A meeting is scheduled for the end of November when individual parishes will bring back further information for linkage.

I. Annual Catholic Appeal

Nothing to report at this time.

J. Bazaar Income

The gross income from the 2011 Annual Bazaar was \$41,103 with \$8,035 in expenses so far for a total net of \$33,068. All bills have not been turned in. The income from the 2010 Annual Bazaar was \$41,003 with \$7,768 in expenses with a total net of \$33,234. In 2011 a total of 572 meals were served in comparison to 2010 with a total of 557. It was a very successful event. "Hash Night" will be November 6th.

IV. Discussion/Decision Items

- A.** Rudy Gaddini asked if any changes would take place regarding serving wine at mass. Father Jim stated that on a local level it was premature for any decision.

V. Task Assignments for Next Meeting: November 15th, 2011

Chair: Mike Sessler Prayer Leader: Mary Jane Hendricks
Recorder: Steve Fernan Snacks: Rudy Gaddini

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.