

**St. Clement Catholic Church
422 East Sycamore Street
Boonville, Indiana 47601**

**Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2013**

Members Present: Father Will, Laurie Schnur, Margay McConnell, Kathy Koch, Tammy Altstadt, Bob Lincoln, Vicky Harpenau, Keith Birchler, Pam Murphy

Guests: Deacon Tom Lambert, Marilyn Baehl, Susan Stephan, Barbara Forehand, Becky Birchler

CALL TO ORDER: Father Will called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Father Will led the opening prayer.

REFLECTION: A reflection, "The Wooden Rule", was read by Laurie Schnur.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of the August meeting were previously approved and released for publication on August 23, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

Church Cleaning Crews: Church cleaning crews have dissipated over time and require reviving. Only about one half of the crews have been present on designated cleaning days. Father Will shall post a new sign-up sheet at the back of church and make an announcement on Sunday for additional volunteers. Goal is to establish six crews of ten to twelve volunteers each. Church is cleaned each month at the crews' discretion, but prior to the second Saturday of the designated month. Each crew would clean church twice a year at six-month intervals. Cleaning normally takes 2 ½ to 3 hours.

Strategic Planning: The Diocese will provide a transition manual to assist our parishes in the upcoming merger on July 1, 2014. They are scheduling a meeting at each affected church throughout the diocese to provide guidance and explain the transition manual. The meeting will include all parish staff, parish council members, and finance commission members. Father Will has requested October 22nd or November 14th for our parish. Date has not yet been confirmed by diocesan office. Recommendations were made to provide each parish council with copies of both parish council's Constitutions for initial review.

Parish Picnic: Parish picnic set for October 13th at St. Clements' Social Hall. Reservations needed by October 6th. Meat and drinks provided. Families requested to bring covered dish and personal utensils. Sunday morning 10:30 a.m. Mass has been rescheduled for 11:00 a.m.

Fundraisers Update

Wine Tasting Fundraiser: Event was successfully held on September 28th. A profit of \$1,981 has been deposited to the building fund. Mystique Winery has already agreed to return next year. The 2nd Annual St. Clements Wine Tasting Fundraiser will be held on September 27, 2014.

Trivia Night: Trivia Night scheduled for November 9, 2013. Cost will be \$15.00 per person and will include pulled pork dinner with all the trimmings and cash award to winning teams. Vicky Harpenau will schedule another planning committee meeting in the near future.

5K Run/Walk: Event has been planned for March 8, 2014 at Scales Lake. More details will be forthcoming in future minutes.

Church Air-Conditioning System: Problems with the system have been traced back to unauthorized changes in the system's thermostat programming settings. The contractor will reprogram all thermostats and install locking devices to prevent future tampering.

Brute Society Nomination: Nomination for Brute Society award has been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business presented.

PARISHIONER CONCERNS

No parishioner concerns presented.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Social Action: Formal report provided by Helen Kraus and is on file at the parish office. The Social Action Commission met on August 19, 2013. Terri Vote reported on activities of the Ecumenical Soup Kitchen. Of thirteen crews provided by local organizations, St. Clement's provides four of the crews. During 2012, a total of 5,586 meals were provided for 3,577 guests. Thus far in 2013 (Jan-Jun), a total of 2,932 meals have been provided for 2,016 guests. Terri is working on requesting grants from various businesses to fund a steam table for the Soup Kitchen. Terri also assembled ten additional "Shower Kits" for handing out to the needy. The St. Clement Music Dept., Social Action, and Marriage & Family Life Commissions are working together on a Christmas presentation for 202 residents of Woodmont and Transcendent North and South nursing homes. The commission will make and present angel bracelets to residents. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23rd, at 5:00 p.m. Topic of discussion will be this year's Angel Tree. Southern Indiana Home Remodelers have inquired about helping with the Angel Tree.

Verbal report provided by Marilyn Baehl. The Social Action Commission met on September 23, 2013 to discuss this year's Angel Tree. Angel Tree will be up in early December. Persons contributing to the Angel Tree effort are requested to provide only one gift per family this year. Deb Ordner will lead a Christmas Caroling event at local nursing homes on December 15th. Over 200 Angel Bracelets have been put together as gifts for the residents. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2013.

Building & Grounds: No report.

Faith Formation: Verbal report provided by Margay McConnell. Bible Study has started and is being held every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. in the school upstairs work room. The first two lessons have been completed. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Marriage & Family Life: Flyers have been created for the "Dinner for Eight" event. The dates have been scheduled for March 1, April 26, September 6, and November 1 of 2014. Vicky Harpenau will visit St. Rupert's at this weekend's Masses to explain the event to them and formally invite them to participate.

Parish Activities: Signs have been made and posted on the church lawn advertising the parish picnic. The Ladies' Club will have Christmas cake samples available at the Parish Picnic and will begin taking orders for the Christmas season. The Ladies' Club, in conjunction with the Men's Club, is also performing a study on repairing the north entrance parking lot and handicapped access area.

Liturgy: Eight new altar servers have volunteered and have undergone training. Next meeting is scheduled for October.

Finance: Financial statements and balance sheets for the month of July and August were provided to council members.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Laurie Schnur expressed sincere thanks to all who helped to make the wine tasting event a success and those that participated in the Youth Mass. Over 30 children were involved and the event was wonderful.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Financial reports were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Father Will led the closing prayer.
Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 7:15 in the Social Hall.

Respectfully submitted

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