

**Holy Trinity Parish Council Minutes**  
**Richmond, IA**  
**Monday, October 31, 2011**

**Present:** Father Marty Goetz, Cathy Gent (presiding), Julie Adam, Dave Capper, Jim Cayton (Trustee), Jeff Goodwin, Diana Haman, Ryan Harland, Jim Hauth, Jeannie Jones, Bill Kessel, Clint Shalla (Trustee) and Doug Yotty.

**Excused:** Deb Fuhr and Gregg Riggan.

**Guests:** Laura Fugate, Cathy Latta, Sandy Marner, Joyce Mattes and Valli Ruggiero

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Gent, Council President. Father Marty opened the meeting with prayer.

Father Marty thanked Holy Trinity Parish for the surprise gathering for him on September 28<sup>th</sup>. He was very surprised and appreciated the kindness shown to him.

Introduction to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the New Roman Missal started October 30<sup>th</sup> at the weekend Masses. This will continue every week until the First Sunday of Advent. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend one of the “Night of Reflection: Celebrating the Mass with the Third Edition of the Roman Missal”. These nights will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary’s at 6:30 p.m., November 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph’s at 7:00 p.m. and November 17<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity at 7:00 p.m.

Father Marty asked the question, “What can we do to make Holy Trinity parish even better?” He asked the council to e-mail or call him with any suggestions.

**Reports:**

**Church Life, Worship and Spirituality**

Sandy Marner, Jane Duwa, Joyce Mattes, Cathy Latta and Valli Ruggiero presented the Good Samaritan Committee to the Council. The Good Samaritan Committee was set up approximately three months ago when Sandy and Jane were contacted by a family in the community needing assistance. In helping this family, they obtained assistance from various people in the community. Learning that 27% of the families in the Mid-Prairie school district is eligible for reduced lunches and wanting to find more ways in which to assist people in need, the Good Samaritan Committee was formed. The Mission Statement of the Committee is “Responding to the words of Jesus: “Whatever you did...” we will aim to assist and support Holy Trinity and community members and families in need of help; whatever it be health or financial needs.” Some of the activities thus far include: helping a family in need in the community, supported Mary’s Meals, distributed rosaries, palm crosses, pillow cases to people in need of prayers and drafted a brochure to put in the back of church listing agencies in Johnson and Washington county that can assist people in need. The Committee asked for financial assistance from the council to help with future projects. A motion by Jeannie Jones was made to have a start-up collection the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and that 5% of the weekly envelopes and the Offertory collections go to the Good Samaritan Committee. And, also to financially support a Thanksgiving dinner at Holy Trinity this year. Julie Adam seconded the motion. The motion carried. This will also be brought to the Finance Committee which will meet next Tuesday evening, November 8<sup>th</sup>. The Finance Committee consists of Father Marty, Doug Yotty, Ed Mattes, Heather Stumpf and Doris Greiner.

## **Finance/Administration**

Doug presented the 9/30/11 First Quarter Comparative Budget Sheet, Profit and Loss, and Profit and Loss to budget reports. The PLC pledges continue to slow down and we make monthly loan payments. The mortgage on the PLC is scheduled to be paid off in January 2012. As per the suggestion of the Diocese, a condensed version of the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual document is attached to the minutes. The Diocese has sent the report back from the audit in July and the suggestions will be reviewed by the Finance Committee on how to respond.

Four fireproof file cabinets were purchased for the office to keep important documents in.

Holy Trinity has contributed \$16,990 toward their ADA goal of \$20,008.

## **Family Life**

Fall Dinner served approximately 740 – 750 meals. There were positive compliments received on the meal. Will need to find two couples to serve on the Fall Dinner Committee under Steve and Wendy Mayer for next year.

## **Spiritual Formation**

Faith Formation will have their Christmas breakfast following Mass on December 4<sup>th</sup> and there will be a skating party for Faith Formation families on Wednesday evening, December 28<sup>th</sup>. First Reconciliation will be 3/11/12 and First Communion will be 4/29/12. Confirmation is scheduled for 3/18/12 with Women's CEW the weekend of 3/2-3/4/12 and Men's CEW the weekend of 3/23-3/25/12.

Christmas Mass schedule is as follows: 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary's; 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's and 9:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity. There will be one Mass on Christmas Day at St. Mary's at 9:00 a.m.

Father Marty explained that in the Celebration of the Liturgy, there is prayers and general intercessions and general announcements and there is really no place for Birthday/Anniversary announcements. Father is considering before Mass asking people who have birthdays or anniversaries for that month to please stand and he will bless them and this will lead into the Liturgy asking for prayers for these people. He will discuss this with the other two parish councils and will report back to the council.

## **Youth**

Seven from the Cluster Parishes attended the Youth Rally in Coralville.

## **Other**

There was discussion as to whether to keep printing the Holy Trinity Annual Booklet. The booklets are very useful for many purposes. Jim Hauth made the motion to continue printing the booklets and Bill Kessel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rental House update – we have been receiving the \$550 rent by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month from renter's parents. We still have not received the back rent of \$825. There was discussion regarding inspecting the house annually, looking into the process of eviction, continuing to rent if keeping current until next June and selling and removing the house from the property. If the decision to sell the house is made, it will need to be approved by the Diocese first. It was decided to bring these options to prayer for the next couple of months.

Lagoon update – Several parishioners including Father Marty have been served condemnation papers. The hearing is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Father Marty has asked the Diocesan lawyer, Bill Olson, from Grinnell to also attend. The decision to honor the will remains and if the land is condemned the money received will be held in a trust in which the principle cannot be touched until stated in the will.

The Parish Life Center needs another table cart to store the tables and the doorway to the coat closet needs to be torn out and replaced with double doors for easier access to the room.

A group of people will clean the storage room downstairs and install more shelving in the area. Any items that are useable will be donated to Stuff and the proceeds given to the Right to Life.

Ed Mattes will contact Stumpf Construction to look at the wall in the flower room of the church and determine what needs to be done.

Jim Hauth will look into the snow removal bids. Clayton Hershberger and Statler Construction have contacted Jim regarding bids.

Replacement of paper towels with hand dryers which are approximately \$350 a piece for the Parish Life Center will be looked into.

Julie Adam and Bill Kessel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Hauth. The meeting was adjourned.

Jane Duwa  
Recorder