

**SAINT AMBROSE
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
DATE: April 28, 2010**

Call to Order: President Dave Urbanski

Prayer: Dave Urbanski

Roll Call/Visitors:	P/A	
Tim Keenan (1 st Year)	P	Visitors:
Dave Urbanski-President (3rd Year)	P	Ron Luther, Bus. Mgr.
Elaine Tuggle-Nolan -School Commission	P	
Jeanette Burbank-Spiritual Life	P	
Joan/Leonard Elsner-Stewardship	P	
Cindi Dennis-Finance Council	P	
David Geis- Secretary/At-Large (2nd Year)	P	
Deb Bedwell- V.P./At-Large (3rd Year)	P	
Kitty Lewis-Community Life and Service	A	
Scott Lanam (1 st Year)	A	
Mark Nowling – Faith Formation	P	
Sharon Koch - At Large (1 st Year)	P	
Ernesto Enriquez (2 nd Year)	A	
Fr. Dan Staublin – Administrator	P	

Roll Call: Taken silently - Quorum

Visitors: Ron Luther, Business Manager

Minutes Approval: Upon motion by Sharon Koch, seconded by Jeanette Burbank and carried, the minutes of the meeting held February 24, 2010 were approved

Commission Reports:

School Commission: Elaine Tuggle-Nolan reported that the search for St. Ambrose Principal is in process. A Committee is working with Mr. Rob Rash of the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. It was reported there are three interested candidates at this time and resumes are to be submitted and reviewed in preparation for interviews. The desired timeline for a

selection of the principal is July 1st. A reception is being planned for Sr. Anna Rose.

Community Life & Service: Kitty Lewis was not present to report. It was noted that announcements of the parish's 150th anniversary would begin appearing in the bulletin. The kickoff of the celebration is planned for June 27th with a Mass with Archbishop Buechlein and a pitch-in dinner in the Parish Center.

Spiritual Life Commission: Jeanette Burbank reported on behalf of this Commission, referring to the minutes of a meeting held April 27, 2010. The Liturgy for the 150th anniversary celebration was discussed; plans for first Communion Masses were discussed; Mass for graduating seniors will be on Saturday, May 15th, followed by a family dinner in the parish center; liturgy for Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd was reviewed.

It was noted that discernment for the officers of this commission will be discussed at the May meeting and changes to be effective in June. Training for sacristans will be conducted by Deacon Mike East and Patti Keenan will be in charge of scheduling sacristans.

Faith Formation: Mark Nowling reported on behalf of this commission. He reported that 50 to 60 parishioners attended the Parish Mission and this was considered a good result. It was reported that the Lighthouse CD display is now more accessible and mounted on the wall in the back of church and will regularly updated. Saturday, June 5th will be an appreciation Mass for Fr. Dan as part of the Year of the Priest activities. Fr. Dan was asked to celebrate this Mass.

Mark announced he will be replaced on the Parish Council by Nicole Morgan beginning in May. Nicole's contact information will be sent to Secretary Geis for distribution to other PC members. Expressions of gratitude were extended to Mark for his long tenure of service to the Parish Council and parish at large.

Stewardship Commission (Buildings and Grounds): Joan Elsner reported on behalf of the Buildings and Grounds group of this Commission which met April 7, 2010. Due to insufficient parking spaces for the physically impaired, four spaces each will be added to the front and back of church. Permanent basketball goals will be in place before the end of this school year. It was again reported that new carpet will be laid in the entry way and hall way leading to church in the Parish Center when Mr. Disque can work it into his schedule. A new lawn mower needed to be purchased for the parish campus due to the age and poor condition of the existing one. The fair booth committee has been meeting. The menu is being planned and will likely include broasted chicken this year, thanks to the kind donation of a broaster by Montie Striegel to the K of C which will in turn, loan

the broaster to the fair booth during the county fair. The Stewardship Commission met in March. It was reported that Bingo will now fall under the direction of the School Commission. Budget work was done for the upcoming fiscal year. Work was done to develop a "wish list" of improvements desired for the parish over the next five years. An update on the church window project was made.

Spanish Ministry: Ernesto Enriquez representing this ministry was not present. No report was provided.

Finance Council: Cindi Dennis reported on behalf of the Finance Council, referring to the minutes of the April 16, 2010 meeting. Cindi highlighted the year to date financial results, noting that Sunday collections continue to run behind budget. Fr. Dan was asked and agreed to address the continuing shortfall from the pulpit. School revenue and expenses are under budget by 7% each, resulting in excess revenue of \$28,000. She noted the parish remains in a satisfactory cash position to meet obligations. Much work has been done by all commissions and the Finance Council to prepare the fiscal 2010/2011 budget. A balanced budget will be submitted, although considered bare bones and no frills. Cindi Dennis informed PC members that the final budget will be brought to the Parish Council for adoption at the May meeting.

It was reported that all parishes in the archdiocese are expected to incorporate by June or July for legal and liability purposes. This action will be generally invisible to day to day operations. A formal board of directors will be formed to include the Pastor, Parish Council president and the Finance Council Chair person. New bank signature agreements and resolutions will be required for bank accounts. An annual meeting will be required for the record. All newly incorporated parishes will be represented by a law firm selected by the Archdiocese.

Pastor's Comments: Fr. Dan had no specific comments but had entered into discussion through out the meeting on various matters.

Old Business: Dave Urbanski called for a final reading of proposed by-law changes to provide for a youth representative on the Parish Council. The by-law change as proposed is as follows;

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING (underlined parts in bold are the proposed changes)

Section 1. The Council shall consist of six members elected by the members of St. Ambrose parish plus representatives from and Committees approve by the Council. Each person 18 years of age and over, who is a registered member of St. Ambrose Parish is eligible to serve as a member of the Council.

A) A youth member will also be chosen to be on the board with voting rights. This member is selected through the leadership program from Youth Ministry.

Section 2. Elected members may serve for a period of three (3) years, the year beginning on July 1st and ending June 30th. No elected members may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

A) The term of office may be modified by the youth Ministry with the approval of the Parish Council.

ARTICLE IV – ELECTIONS

Section 5. Elections for membership on the council shall be held in May each year. The election results shall be submitted to the parish by Sunday in May. The secretary shall maintain a record of the election results.

Section 6. The youth seat will be filled from the leadership program of the youth Ministry at St. Ambrose Church. The selection process for that individual will be determined by Parish personnel serving the Youth Ministry.

After discussion of the proposed by-law change, a motion was made by Mark Nowling, seconded by Deb Bedwell and unanimously carried to approve the noted changes to the by-laws.

The next item of Old Business pertained to the continuing discussion of the parish's policy on alcohol on the parish campus. The current policy prohibits alcohol on campus for any purpose or event. Discussion ensued with all PC members present, expressing their views at the request of President, Dave Urbanski. When this process was completed, the expressed views resulted a tie on the subject with half of the members favoring some exceptions and half favoring the current policy. President Urbanski broke the tie with his opposition to changing the policy. Therefore the policy will stand as is – no alcohol on parish campus for events.

(Dashboard Items) An opportunity for the parish to have pictures taken for the parish pictorial in conjunction with the 150th anniversary will be provided during two weekends in September with dates to be determined and reported on at next meeting by Scott Lanam.

Leonard Elsner reported there will be a public hearing on May 13th by the Seymour Plan Commission regarding St. Ambrose request to rezone a parcel from Residential use to public parking use. If it passes this process, it will go to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Elsner said that all adjacent and nearby

property owners were notified of the request and hearing. He expects the request to pass favorably.

Another item of old business was brought up by President Urbanski. He reminded PC members of the upcoming election for two open seats on the PC – his own and that of Deb Bedwell. He suggested that an announcement be placed in the bulletin seeking candidates during May and an election be held in late May or early June. New candidates could attend the June PC meeting as a guest and their positions would become official with the July meeting.

New Business None

Adjournment: There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Joan Elsner, seconded by Deb Bedwell and carried

Respectfully submitted by
David Geis, Secretary