

**SAINT AMBROSE  
PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES  
DATE: June 23, 2010  
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**Call to Order:** President Dave Urbanski

**Prayer:** Dave Urbanski

**Roll Call/Visitors:**

**P/A**

Tim Keenan (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)	<b>P</b>	Visitors:
Dave Urbanski-President (3rd Year)	<b>P</b>	Ron Luther, Bus. Mgr.
Elaine Tuggle-Nolan -School Commission	<b>P</b>	Mike East, Deacon
Jeanette Burbank-Spiritual Life	<b>P</b>	Ron Snodgrass (board prospect)
Joan/Leonard Elsner-Stewardship	<b>P</b>	Tom Melton (board prospect)
Cindi Dennis-Finance Council	<b>P</b>	Denny Fry
David Geis- Secretary/At-Large (2nd Year) <b>P</b>		
Deb Bedwell- V.P./At-Large (3rd Year)	<b>P</b>	
Kitty Lewis-Community Life and Service	<b>P</b>	
Scott Lanam (1 <sup>st</sup> Year)	<b>P</b>	
Nicole Morgan – Faith Formation <b>A</b>		
Sharon Koch - At Large (1 <sup>st</sup> Year) <b>P</b>		
Ernesto Enriquez (2 <sup>nd</sup> Year)	<b>A</b>	
Fr. Dan Staublin – Administrator	<b>A</b>	

**Roll Call:** Taken silently – Quorum

**Visitors:** See above

**Minutes Approval:** Upon motion by Joan Elsner, seconded by Sharon Koch and carried, the minutes of the meeting held May 26, 2010 were approved

Denny Fry was present to report on the plans for the Jackson County Fair Booth being sponsored by St. Ambrose and Our Lady of Providence parishes. Denny reported that the menu would be limited this year, but now includes broasted chicken dinners which are expected to be popular. Denny requested that in exchange for receiving 16 picnic tables and an ice chest from the K of C, that 2

propane stoves be donated to the K of C. Upon motion of Deb Bedwell, seconded by Cindi Dennis and carried, the exchange of assets was approved.

Denny further reported on the planned joint parishes' picnic to be held at the Jackson County Fair Grounds on August 18, 2010 at Noon. The event will begin with an outdoor Mass, followed by a pitch-in. Denny detailed plans for the event and sought assistance in certain areas. The Noon Mass will replace the OLP noon Mass and the 2pm Hispanic Mass.

### **Commission Reports:**

**School Commission:** Elaine Tuggle-Nolan reported that the annual Hit n' Giggle fundraiser for St. Ambrose School will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup> at Shadowood Golf Course. Details were provided and encouragement given to join in the event. Teacher schedules were discussed. It was announced that a selection of a school principal has been made – Michelle Niebert Levine, a member of St. Ambrose Church and formerly the Principal at an elementary school in Scottsburg, IN. Fr. Dan will be announcing Ms. Niebert Levine's selection in the very near future. PC board members were asked to keep this in confidence until then. The search committee is said to be very pleased with Ms. Niebert Levine's selection.

**Community Life & Service:** Kitty Lewis reported that the various ministries are active. The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary opening Mass celebration with the Archbishop as the main celebrant, will be Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> with a pitch-in luncheon and reception to follow. The booklet being prepared for the anniversary may be ordered now for \$10 each.

**Spiritual Life Commission:** Jeanette Burbank reported on behalf of this Commission, referring to the minutes of a meeting held June 22, 2010. The primary focus of the meeting was on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass to be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Committee discussed and planned for the parishes' picnic scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Jackson County Fairgrounds.

**Faith Formation:** Nicole Morgan was not present and no report was given

**Stewardship Commission (Buildings and Grounds):** Joan Elsner reported on behalf of this Commission which met on June 5, 2010. Items discussed included use of children's envelopes for Sunday giving habits to be encouraged; the development of a maintenance and physical projects "wish list"; a desire to repeat the ministry fair started last year; and miscellaneous projects ongoing. An update was provided on the rezoning of a lot for a future parking lot for the parish. The request for re-zoning was continued to the next meeting with the expectation that a drawing of the expected improvements to the lot be provided. A report on the plans for this year's fair booth was given.

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

**Finance Council:** Cindi Dennis reported the Finance Council did not meet in June. She reported that collections continue to run behind last year (4.4%) and behind budget (6.4%). The March 31, 2010 endowment report showed a 19% recovery in invested balances due to market improvements since the same period in 2009.

**Pastor's Comments:** Fr. Dan was not present.

**Old Business:** President Dave Urbanski brought continued the discussion from the last meeting regarding modifying the schedule of parish council meetings, stating that taking such action involves modification of a by-law. After study of the various needs of the council and a review of the proposed schedule with the executive committee and Fr. Dan, the following schedule is proposed for consideration.

July - Off	January - On
August – On	February - Off
September – Off	March - On
October – On	April - Off
November – On	May – On (Budget)
December - Off (Holidays)	June – On (Elections)

The relevant by-law is Article VII, Section 1, would be stated as follows, “Regular meetings of the council will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of designated months. The meetings will be open to the parish; will start at an agreed upon time; and will not last longer than two hours.

After discussion of the proposed change, motion was made by Sharon Koch, seconded by Scott Lanam and unanimously carried to approve, **on first reading**, the new parish council meeting schedule and related by-law change.

This matter will be put forth for a second and final reading and vote at the August council meeting.

President Urbanski reminded council members that the election of council members was to have taken place by now. No election was held due to a lack of candidates. He recognized Ron Snodgrass and Tom Melton who are present as guests for this meeting and who are discerning their interest in serving on the council if chosen.

Dave Urbanski made a motion to nominate Sharon Koch as President and Dave Geis as Vice President and acting Secretary (until a Secretary is elected in his place); motion was seconded by Cindi Dennis and carried approving these individuals as council officers.

**(Dashboard Items)** None

**New Business:** None

The Council collectively offered its deep appreciation to Dave Urbanski, Deb Bedwell and Jeanette Burbank for their years of service on the parish council and for their continuing service through the various ministries they involve themselves in for St. Ambrose Church.

Dave Urbanski led a closing prayer.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Deb Bedwell, seconded by Cindi Dennis and carried

Respectfully submitted by  
David Geis, Secretary