

Tri Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 2016; St. Aloysius Church, Elba

1. **Call to Order:** Fr. Kurt opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Roll Call:** Those in attendance: SC-Diane LeClair & Paul Reisdorf; SA-Deb Heim, Bernie Siebenaler, Cathy Schleck, Elaine Burke, Sue Mathison, Julie Buehler; Beth Mauer. HR-Jim Hobbs, Mike Walsh, Jim Klavetter, Kathy Schumann, Jim Clemens, Sharon Long
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Vision 2016 Update/Lawsuits:** Fr Kurt and Becky reported that the Diocese has postponed some of the churches plans to transition to oratory status. The June Courier will have a list of churches and the dates that they will be transitioning. Any church going to oratory that is merging with a parish that has lawsuits against them will have to wait until that process is complete. So the DOW is moving forward with those parishes that can transition so they will have enough priests to cover those going into retirement. For St. Aloysius this means they will stay a parish until the lawsuits against St. Charles Borromeo have settled. One thing the DOW learned from the lawsuits in the Arch Diocese was that they cannot file bankruptcy to soon, because if they do then the process of having the insurance companies pay settlements gets stopped and it makes it harder to settle sooner. Beth Mauer had a question about a Fall Festival for St. Aloysius then. The consensus was that we had to and that we needed to communicate to the St. Aloysius members that the church will be staying open for now. A time line cannot be given on how long it will stay open because as soon as the lawsuits are settled, St. Aloysius will need to transition to oratory. The whole process could take 1-2 years, so the St Aloysius members want to let their membership know that we still need their support to keep the parish going for the additional time. The St. Aloysius Council decided to meet after the Tri Parish Council meeting to start planning for the festival. One of the things they will do is note the change of transition to oratory timeline in the festival letter. It will hopefully get people to attend and continue to support the festival and parish. This letter will be sent out after the Courier in June, so the list of churches transitioning can come out.
 - b. **Lawsuits:** There were 95 lawsuits in the DOW. Today is the last day to file a lawsuit, so we would know by the end of the week if St. Charles has anymore suits.
 - c. **Picture Directory:** Becky reported that Directories are in and that St. Aloysius has passed out theirs, Holy Redeemer and St. Charles have more to deliver. People are encouraged to call or stop in the office to pick one up or have one delivered to Holy Redeemer for them to pick up. Directories are available for sale for \$5 if people want to purchase one.
 - d. **Caritas 1%:** Fr Kurt reported that there had been a miscommunication with the Caritas 1% that had been set up in 2014. The original intent for the fund was to help support local causes in our Communities. When the Tri Parishes sent a group to Guatemala in 2015 that money was given to the fundraising for the house they were building. Communication between San Lucas, Fr. Kurt and Nichole was misunderstood and no fund were sent to Guatemala other than what was designated. At the end of this fiscal year we will once again have the 1% to consider for local projects. Julie Buehler noted that it might be good to have an application form for the different requests to help in communication and to track monies. One of those projects that Fr Kurt wanted the council to consider is a fundraiser for Family Promise. Kathy noted that it is on June 16th and is a Gala Event with dinner and dancing. Each table is \$800 and she is asking the council to consider half a table (\$400) or 4 seats. The other half of the table would be purchased by the church that we partner with from Plainview. A motion was made by Mike Walsh to support the dinner and purchase half a table. Motion was 2nd by Elaine Burke.

Motion passed. Fr Kurt asked for volunteers to attend the dinner. Kathy Schumann and her husband will go. Elaine Burke will go and ask her husband Jim, if he does not want to go, then Fr. Kurt will go. Kathy will let Becky know the details on how to register and pay.

- e. **Tri Parish Office Job:** Becky reported that the staff will be looking at putting together a job description on June 9. The council was asked if there was anything they would like to suggest as part of the duties of the job. Mike noted that it wasn't really something the council could give good advice on because they are unfamiliar with the position and what is needed in the office.
- f. **Springfest:** Becky reported that the gross number for Springfest is around \$18,000 with deposits and some bills still needing to be paid. Diane asked that as soon as one is available she be sent one so she can apply for the grant.

4. New Business:

- a. **Faith Formation/Youth Ministry:** Nichole is gone on vacation so Becky reported that the Faith Formation year ended well, great 1st Communion and Confirmation masses at all of the parishes. Looking forward to summer activities with Eyota VBS the second week of June and Totus Tuus the 3rd week in June.
- b. **Social Justice Report:** Kathy noted that Nichole had talked a little bit about having youth in 7-9 grade help with home upkeep for some people in the fall.
- c. **Finance Report:** Diocesan Ministry Appeal Numbers were listed on the Agenda for the 2016 appeal. The group went over them, there was no discussion.
- d. **Building and Grounds Reports:** St. Aloysius and St. Charles Borromeo had no reports. Jim Hobbs reported on the ongoing street project around the church and the lawn mowing for the summer. See submitted report from Jim below.

5. Independent Council Reports:

- a. **St. Charles:** Diane LeClair reported that Springfest went well and that once again people commented on how much they like having it at the church. One suggestion she had was to maybe have lights in the tent next year for the auction. With the side down it made it more on the dark side.
- b. **Holy Redeemer:** Sharon Long took a moment to ask Jim Hobbs if there was planned handicap parking at the Church. Jim noted that once the final layer of black top is added then the signs and paint lines would be done and those spaces added.
 - i. **Fr Kurt:** Fr. Kurt mentioned that there is a cemetery Mass at the Elba Cemetery this Monday at 10am. He then asked if he needed to do a second collection at all of the Masses for the cemetery. It was noted that special envelopes were in last weeks collection at Holy Redeemer and St. Charles, St. Aloysius will be this weekend. Fr Kurt will announce a second collection at all of the Masses to help the cemeteries from people who maybe don't have envelopes.
- c. **St. Aloysius:** Council was reminded to stay following this meeting to talk about the Fall Festival. Probable date for St. Aloysius Festival is September 11th and Holy Redeemer on September 18th.

- 6. **Next Meeting:** of September 20 at Holy Redeemer. Becky reminded the council that we will need to look at terms for council members and plan elections. Mike Walsh asked if his term was done, Becky did not have the information. Mike said he would serve a second term.
- 7. **Motion to Adjourn:** was made by Paul Reisdorf and 2nd by Sue Mathison, motion passed.
- 8. **Closing Prayer:** Fr Kurt lead the council in the Our Father.

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Holy Redeemer
Buildings & Grounds Report

The Church has these items to report:

1. The street project continues with sodding completed on the Church grounds, and preliminary street preparation for the final layer of asphalt. *Mid Summer*
2. Lawn mowing and trimming will be completed again this summer by Todd Sanden and family. Lawn Leprechaun has been contracted for lawn fertilizing and weed control.