

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
October 18, 2010

PRESENT: C. Ayoub, M. Barnard, B. Boland, Fr. Carey , B. Doran, B. Greene, J. Holec, , Dr. Howard, Deacon Howe, L. Karl, S. Lione, B. Mantilia, L. Paglialunga, M. Pascale, R. Petronella, Deacon Pond, B. Redman and Msgr. Scheyd

ABSENT: M.B. Fessler, M. Holec, C. Hussey, Fr. Jeremiah, T. Marino, E. Millette, A. Munnely and M. Pierce

7:40 PM Msgr. welcomed everyone and meeting was opened with a prayer by Fr. Carey. He announced that Chris Hussey's Mom died last evening peacefully. The Wake is at Hoyt's Wednesday 4 to 8 PM and the Funeral is on Thursday at 10 AM. Chris has had her hands full over the years taking care of her husband as well as her parents. Her brother in Chicago is supportive.

Sue Lione

MINUTES were accepted as presented. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** were sent out ahead. A list was passed out of the schedule for Ministry presentations at the meeting:

| MONTH..... | MINISTRY |
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| Sept | Music Ministry |
| Oct | Martha & Mary |
| Nov | Liturgical Committee |
| Jan | Knights of Columbus |
| Feb | Youth/Emmaus |
| Mar | Catholic Daughters |
| Apr | CCD |
| May | Our Lady's Guild |
| June | St. Aloysius School |

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTDeacon Lou Howe. **See Detailed Report.**

He will add this to the Committee reports. He read the report out loud.

Sue: the grounds look so good. Thank Judy and Gregg at **Greggs' Landscaping** at Weed's.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Sue

* **Oktoberfest a big success.**

\$1950 collected. 135 Seats inside and 100 outside. There were 2 seatings...before and after Mass.

Bob: It was good to have "early birds" at 5:00. Kathy Garrison did the food....great. Lou was working 24/7. Lou was able to "get the music" into Stapleton via a microphone/speaker system which was really nice for those inside. Please turn in any expenses for reimbursement.

Next Event: December 11...the Saturday night before STAR Gift program after 5:30 pm Mass. Bring the gifts from 5 to 8 PM to Gym. Serve Mac and cheese and Christmas Cheer. A Win/Win....get gifts earlier to send out with drivers earlier.

Melanie: in conjunction with STAR night.....**sell luminaries**...\$1 and a prayer...School, CCD and Emmaus. Light the entire block that night. By having the gifts brought to the gym on Saturday night and having a light dinner/cheer, along with the STAR luminaries, it would create a sense of Christmas Energy or Christmas Spirit for the Parish. Each "Parish Organization" could also purchase the luminaries.

Liza: suggested caroling the same night... Youth Ministry?

Knights party...the same night. The Knights scheduled a Party on Dec. 11th. I don't think it was meant to conflict with the STAR Gift program – no one thought it was a problem!

* **Census: we must work to get accurate.** Approximately 1200 replied. 47% returned. 1399 Families did not return the Census. 5 Realtors went through the list and checked who had moved. Chris Hussey has it now. Then to Rita.

Deacon Lou...synchronized all the lists of the Parish and created one. What next?

*Get deaths correct. One reason to get done.

Complete census by end of April. Street leaders to make contacts. "phone?"

Bill: suggested to discuss from the pulpit.

Msgr: never eliminate anyone. **Active members** = involved members who financially support.

NEW BUSINESS Sue

Chris Otis will take Group photo tonight.

* **Tonight's Highlighted Ministry: Martha & Mary Ministries....Melanie Barnard.**

This is the second year. It brings together smaller ministries for communication and community...Small ministries have a big impact.

1. Luminary Project.
2. Parish Nurses....there will be a Day of Recollection on Healing on October 24th for all Senior Citizens.
3. Visitation Ministry....Talk to Seniors
4. Driving Miss Daisy...Drive people to Mass

Melanie is the contact person.

Msgr: people are at home and can't get out. There is no "line" for them. You hear from the Funeral Home that they died. **We don't serve them spiritually.** We don't hear from them or their family.

Stir up interest in Oct 24th. Flyers. Younger adults can accompany them.

* **St. Aloysius School Open House....Dr. Howard**

11:30 AM, 5 families....11:45 AM, 28 families. A Boost from Blue Ribbon designation which gave good publicity. The Renovations over the summer were positive. Computer Lab is now the **Technology Center.** Monsignor feels that **St. A's School should have a sign** indicating it's a Blue Ribbon School, but the town is very strict on signs, At the least, it should have a permanent sign,

FR. CAREY....Bible Study at 10am and 7:15 pm on Thursdays.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Met with **Marie Pascale.** She was given the title: **Director of Adult Religious Formation...**

To offer Lent activity...Easter and Christmas. Nationally known speakers with reasonable fees. Good topics. To Time events with appropriate seasons or days e.g. Dr. Kelly.

School: initiate once a month, Confession during the School Day.

Sue: Fr. Ian is at RCIA tonight. **He is working on the Promote Life Committee Issues.**

What can be done? Awareness...Geriatrics.

Thom Marino is absent tonight. He emphasized the **Symposium on Liturgical Ministry**

Saturday, October 30 from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Encourage others to attend. Parish Council Members are invited. We will undergo Liturgical changes/adjustments in the future. Renew Liturgical Fervor. There will be Language changes. Priests will have workshops too. Monsignor gave a short talk about how when "Vatican 2" changed things, it was challenging times. He said that the changes that will occur soon will take 13 months to prepare and will take effect on the 1st Sunday of Advent

* We are looking for an **accountant Assistant** to Deacon Lou...another Deacon is helping. When Deacon John needed accounting help, Tom McGrath helped him. Do you know anyone? It would be a couple of hours 2x/month. Volunteer /or stipend. It would make Deacon Lou's life easier.

* **Bishop Lori** sent a letter on **Religious Freedom, "Let Freedom Ring"**...a guide in election time. It is on link.

* **Annual Report next month.** It was a good year. Our income is holding **up**. Msgr noted that over the years, St. A's has received some "substantial gifts," through 'wills/bequests' but this hasn't been the case in recent years. We are debt free. Emphasize: Remember St. Aloysius in your will. **Charitable giving is down. Catholic Charities is OK.** The **Diocese of Bridgeport** didn't meet their goal. **Inner City Foundation is in trouble.**

Msgr. will include in a letter on the back page of the Report, a breakdown of our Charitable outreach: local, outside parish and outside Country. Msgr: can help with electric bills, food, etc NOT peoples' mortgages. Emphasis: to support our parish so we can help those in need.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010 AT 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Liza Paglialunga, recorder and Maggie Pierce, typist.