

**St. Mary's / St. Robert Bellarmine Joint Parish Council Meeting Minutes:**

*Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th, 2011*

• **Opening Prayer:**

The October Joint Parish Council meeting was called to order by Jane Babik, Council Chairperson, at 6:32 P.M.

Attendees: Father Robert Kacalo, Jane Babik, Dave Henderson, Len Erickson, Jeff Braun, Helen Schattner, Ed Furey, Sue Young, Ellen Galvan, Tom Calouette, Joanne Goetz & Kathie Joseph.

Absent: Mona McDermott

The group said the Nicene Creed as opening prayer.

• **Approval of Minutes (October - 2011 Meeting):**

Motion was made to approve meeting minutes by Ed Furey and seconded by Ellen Galvan. October – 2011 Meeting Minutes were approved by joint parish council.

• **Voice of Parishioners:**

- None

• **Pastor's Report:**

- Finalizing all the plans for December 3<sup>rd</sup> beer tasting and dinner for German Festival at St. Mary's.
- Discussed the completion of time & talent forms.

• **Old Business:**

- Jane Babik attended fall – 2011 District 3 meeting representing St Mary's & St. Roberts. Some of the topics discussed:
  - Bringing Christ to non-Christians
  - Baptized but non-participating Catholic
  - Hispanic population & integration within the Catholic Church
  - May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 there will be a meeting at the archdiocese (District 3) and there will be a need for couple of representatives from our parishes to attend the evangelization summit.
- Conceal / Open Gun Carry Discussed.
  - Archdiocese / Bishop Recommendation to not post conceal carry signage. Discussion and agreement by the Parish Council not to post conceal & carry signs at either of the parishes.

• **New Business:**

- With implementation of the new Roman Missal, posture to kneel just before communion vs. standing will be implemented.
- Should remain kneeling after communion until the Host is returned to tabernacle.

• **Liaison Reports:**

- Various Committee Reports Discussed.
- Len Erickson shared the positive feedback and results from the Veterans Center and Homeless Vets after the recent distribution of personal care items, crucifixes and other helpful items by our Human Concerns Committee. Special recognition by Father Robert and Len was expressed in regard to Jay Wittak and his wife, Susan. The consensus of council was that of appreciation and Jane will send a thank you card to the Wittak's and the Human Concerns committee for all that they do on behalf of our parishes, for those in need.
- **Next Meeting:**  
Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.  
Meeting will be held at St. Robert's @ 6:30 P.M.  
  
Len Erickson will be responsible for the opening and closing prayer at our December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Closing Prayer & Meeting Adjourned:**  
Group said Apostles' Creed from the new Roman Missal as our closing prayer.  
Meeting was adjourned by Jane Babik at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dave Henderson  
Joint Parish Council Secretary