

# St. Katharine Drexel Parish Council Meeting

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May 18, 2010

Seventh Street Site

## St. Katharine Drexel Mission Statement:

To Advance the mission of Jesus through Prayer, Service, and Sharing

Present: Father Jerry Pastors, Bernie Kempen, Mary McGinnis, Alice Huss, Steve Lamers, Jeff Ruffing, John Hansen, Dennis Van Eperen and Guy Gossens

Excused: Diane Hermsen

Guests: Nancy Czerwinski, and 20 members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish

Meeting was called to order at 6:30. Father Jerry led us in prayer as we began our meeting.

Minutes of the April 2010 meeting were approved as written with one correction noted.

The agenda was approved as written.

Steve Lamers welcomed Parish members to the meeting and gave a brief introduction. He informed Parish members that they would be allowed to address the Parish Council regarding any concerns they might have. Parish members were allowed 1.5 minutes each to address the council.

MASS SURVEY SCHEDULE RESULTS: Various Parish members spoke to the council and expressed their concerns regarding the recent Mass survey schedule vote. After the Parish members concluded their remarks to the Parish Council many ideas and thoughts were exchanged. As a result, the Parish Council has decided to review the following data before confirming a new Mass schedule with the specific sites listed: seating capacities at each site, Mass attendance at each site, parking status at each site, along with a review of all of the comments submitted by Parish members on the recent Mass survey vote. This data will be reviewed and discussed as an agenda item for the June 2010 meeting.

PARISH NURSE DISCUSSION: The Parish nursing program was recently approved by Father Jerry and is scheduled to be implemented once the Parish nurse position has been filled. No vote was taken by the Parish Council in regard to the approval/implementation of this program.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFING: Nancy Czerwinski was asked to be prepared to discuss the ratio of administrative staff to pastoral staff that currently exists at St. Katharine Drexel Parish. How do we compare with other parishes? This will be another agenda item for the June 2010 meeting.

NEW CANDIDATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL: The terms for Dennis Van Eperen, Bernie Kempen, and Steve Lamers are currently due. Bernie Kempen and Steve Lamers have agreed to stay on the Parish Council. Diane Hermsen will step down as Trustee, yet will remain on the Parish Council. Dan Neubauer will join the Parish Council as a new member. Charlie Fischer will be the new Trustee.

OTHER: Nancy Czerwinski provided an update on the status various roof projects at the Parish sites. The roof at the Seventh Street Site church, along with the steeple, will be repaired immediately. The business office roof will be addressed this summer. The roof repairs at the Elizabeth Ministry building will be put on hold for 1-2 years. Discussion regarding the old school at the Seventh Street site will be added to the June 2010 agenda.

Father Jerry led us in prayer as the meeting closed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting of the Parish Council adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting of the St. Katharine Drexel Parish Council will be on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 6:30 PM, at the Seventh Street site cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy Gossens

Parish Council Secretary

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