

Minutes of the
St. Joseph's Society
January 14, 2009

Meeting Called to Order @ 6:30 pm with a Prayer by Carlos Juenke, 31 members present.

Minutes from the November meeting were not approved as they were unavailable due to the transition of officers. They will be available at the February meeting should anyone desire to review them. There were no minutes from the December meeting as it was the Christmas Social.

Treasurer's report given by Darin Holmes (See attached document) Treasurer's Report approved as read.

Thank You's received:

Ed Ferguson – Deaconate Candidate
Derrick Weingartner
Monsignor McKenna

Major Purchase – New Stove for the Kitchen

Old Business:

Vice President – Bob Walch had to resign due to conflicts with his work schedule. Jeff Dittmar was recommended as his replacement and he has agreed to allow his name to be placed in nomination. It was moved and seconded that Jeff Dittmar be elected to the position of Vice President. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Appointment of Parliamentarian – Kermit Ernst was nominated to the newly formed position of Parliamentarian. It was moved that he be elected by acclamation. The motion carried.

Introduction of new members – Newly accepted members Bob Lott and Mike Granville were introduced to the membership.

Annual BBQ – Rainey Threadgill gave an update on the Annual BBQ which will be held on March 15th. Rainey asked for someone to get the mesquite needed for the BBQ. Dennis Behrends, once again, agreed to head up that effort. Darin Holmes agreed to handle the advertising. (*We need someone to head up the cooking. Butch Zenner will help but he does not want to be the lead.*) Rainey asked for volunteers to serve refreshments during the event. Rusty Rust agreed to handle the cake sales. Gus Pehl agreed to contact other parish organizations for help on desserts. Rainey and DeDe will chair the Paddle Wheel effort. Rainey requested help with that effort. Darin Holmes will coordinate the raffle ticket sales but needs help with sales after each mass. Volunteers will be requested at the February meeting. Francis Hartman will coordinated the inside serving on the day of the event. Carlos Juenke suggested that we ask then German Choir to perform at the event. Heinrich Boenig agreed to make the request. Carlos also asked the members to consider being Rainey's understudy to help share the burden and prepare for future year's events.

Committee Reports

Bldg Improvement Committee: Carlos thanked John Eilers for his efforts leading this committee over the past year. He also thanked Jeremy Itz for his efforts getting the new electrical panel. Carlos then introduced the new chairman, Tom Jung. Also serving on the committee will be Danny Pohler, Hank Sauer, and Randy Stehling. Their first meeting will be tonight after the general meeting.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee – Jerry Schoppe reported that a viable draft had been done by last year's committee. It is to be posted on the web site for review by the members.

Calling Committee – Carlos handed out a new calling list to the calling committee and asked for volunteers to help with this most important effort. The following members volunteered: Mike Walker; Dennis Behrends; Gus Pehl; Keith Bohnert; Joe Crenwelge, Elroy Juenke (the resulting new assignments will be mailed to all callers)

Web Site Committee: Jerry Schoppe reported that the Society's new web site is up and running but still under construction. The address is www.stjosephssociety.org.

Hall Cleanup Committee – Carlos discussed the need for a committee to occasionally perform regular cleanup and light maintenance at the Halle. Jeff Dittmar agreed to head up the effort. Other volunteers include: Tom Walch; Mike Reavis; Mike Granville, Charles Olfers, Heinrich Boenig; Kermit Ernst, Stephen Montgomery, and Darin Holmes.

Other: Please include the following people in your prayers: Milton Zenner, Danny Roeder, Rudy Olfers. Also, remember in your prayers David Matuseh, Jim Chute's brother-in-law who died Tuesday. The next Military Blood Drive will be held in the Halle on May 20 and 21st.

Carlos closed the meeting at 7:40 pm. with a prayer and with a Tamale meal to follow. During the meal Carlos gave a presentation, "Faith of our Fathers which outlined our history and emphasized the dedication of our ancestors. For a copy, see Carlos.

The next meeting of the St. Joseph Society will be Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 6:30 pm. in the Halle. We will begin a nine month novena to St. Joseph at that meeting. Pizza will be provided by Rainey Threadgill and his new restaurant, West End Pizza.

Question 1: What do I want from St. Joseph's?

Group I

- Be a place where you want to go.
- More of a social place or a place of fellowship.
- Keep the beer when you come in.
- Leadership in our current time is going to come from the community /church, not from the government. We should take a lead in that guidance – network – access our expertise.

Group II

- Do Honor to the Previous Members of the Society.
 - Spiritual Development and Action as a Society.
 - a. Novena to St Joseph as a Society.
 - b. Prayer as a Society.

Group III

- Not a place for socializing, bar, card games, Monday night football.
- A venue (a place, an environment,) for the spiritual & corporal works of mercy.
- Meetings that are an opportunity for grace.
- An organization that respects, honors, imitates and prays for its members who have passed away.
- A society that's not known just by it's past (history) but it's present and future.
- A society that looks and acts like its patron saint is St. Joseph.

Question 2: What should be the #1 agenda for 2009?

Group I

- The Society should be the first place our priest and our school comes for help. The school and the parish organizations should be able to use the Halle as much as possible.
- Have the Society become better known in the parish. Let the parishioners know what the Society does for the parish.
- Enhance the participation in funerals of members and also when members are ill.
- Maintain the Halle
 - o That includes doing the things that make that possible like participating in the upcoming BBQ.

Group II

- For 2009 The Halle will be the Only Halle for the Parish
- Observance for Fr. Roch on the 110th Anniversary of our Founding
- Fundraising from the Power Point Presentation you prepared
- General parish information/New Member Orientation from the PPS
- Plan for Restoration/Renovation for the Halle
 - a. Phase it
 - b. Community & Parish Support
 - c. Recognition for large donors
 - d. Preservation of our history
 - e. Ask not what your society can do for you, but what you can do for your society
- Emphasis on Member Participation
 - a. Development of Fellowship and Socialization
 - b. Spiritual time @ Meetings and Social Time

Group III

- Fix the Halle but do it right.
- No shade tree, half hearted, half baked cosmetic renovation.
- An emphasis on restoring the tradition of support for our sick and dying through prayer, visitation and attendance at funerals.
- Emphasize vocations..."