

Minutes of St Joseph Society
For
June Meeting 6-10-2009

I. Opening Prayer and Novena

The meeting was opened by President Carlos Juenke reciting the Hymn O Blessed Saint Joseph and recitation of the Novena to St. Joseph for Life with 25 Members Present.

II. Minutes from April Meeting were read and approved by Tres. Darin Holmes. The Minutes for both April and June will be mailed out in June due to the vacancy in our Secretary office. As our meeting in May was of a social nature there are no minutes for May.

III. Treasurer's Report - Current financial Profit and Loss reports and Balance Sheet/Account Balances were read by Tres. Darin Holmes and Approved as read. Financial reports can be obtained by contacting Darin.

IV. Membership Application – One application for membership was read and accepted on applicant Calvin Yarbrough who was proposed by Gus Pehl.

V. Reading of Correspondence - Thank you's From Gus and Gladys Pehl for such a special night in May. They are extremely thankful to the Society for such a special night. Thank you from Joshua Studebaker recipient of this year's Scholarship provided by St Joseph's Society. Other recipients were Jacquelyn Walker and Aaron Hardin, children of society members Dr. Mike Walker and Brad Hardin.

VI. Selection of New Secretary was tabled due to lack of a response from the membership to individual requests not being accepted. This position will require some computer abilities. If you are interested in serving the Society in this capacity please contact Carlos Juenke.

VII. Presentation of Revised By-Laws

Mike Dooley gave a Presentation of Proposed By Laws. The Primary purpose of the bylaws is to Set Forth Membership rules, Election of officers and other society procedural needs as well as stating the Main Goal as a Non-Profit, Meeting Conductance, Members not in Good Standing Voted in/Voted out. By Laws are not that important as to the Daily Function of the Society as are the Articles of Incorporation. Purpose of the Society initially was to maintain the German language and way of Life. By Laws Should incorporate the important things: Purpose of the society and its non-profit charitable purpose; creation of the corporation and dissolution of the said corporation If necessary; and who should make the decision of the dissolution, as well as the selection of another non-profit corporation for the transfer of assets. Discussion ensued regarding the Holdings of the Society, to Point the Halle. This needs to be clarified. Discussions of the Original Deed Restrictions were held. The Bylaws are to govern the society not act as a Real Estate Transaction. Motion by Steve Montgomery to Add "and the Membership" to the Dissolution Clause. Discussion of the Position of Parliamentarian and a voting on said position instead of Appointment. Carlos advised that we are at the discussion stage, not at an adoption point. At suggestion of Carlos members were encouraged to take a copy of the Bylaws home to study and review. At the July

meeting we will further discuss and attempt adoption of a new set of bylaws. Due to confusion over "Real Estate" and the Society further discussion was found to be needed. In essence "The Society" could continue to exist without "real estate" (i.e. the Halle), as an example the Knights of Columbus #9765, St Ann's Society, Etc.

VIII. Fr. Roch Weekend:

Saturday 6-13 9 am Rosary at the Gravesite of Fr. Roch

Sunday – Breakfast by KC's with 23 Senior Members to be honored.

Hilmar Stehling 52 Years member @ age 98

Longest Term Member Milton Schmitzinsky 1937

Discussion of visitation of our Senior membership in their age and possible infirmity who may find themselves unable to attend meetings and activities, but still wish to continue their ties with the society.

Photo @ 11:30 Dark Suit/No Smiles by Joe Beckendorf with re-creation of the 1900 photo taken by the society.

Process to church for Noon Mass

A brief history of Fr. Roch was given by Carlos. Fr. Roch was from the Alsace region and attended seminary in Victoria. He was assigned to St. Marys along with Fr. Terrullian who resigned as Pastor shortly after the arrival of Fr. Roch. It was the zeal of Fr. Roch who established the Society and was able to raise the needed \$7000 necessary to build the Halle which was built entirely by the membership.

One of first meetings held in the Halle was to organize and obtain the necessary funds for construction of the New Church. Fr. Roch was instrumental in the raising of the initial \$25,000 in 1901 for design plans & architect selection for the construction of the New Church..Fr. Roch contacted typhus and passed away on June 14, 1904. His body was transported to Fredericksburg and was laid in Repose in the Halle. Fr. Roch was buried on 6-16-1904 in St. Mary's Cemetery.

IX. Garage Sale

Organizations have met and have made initial plans for this year's Parish Wide Garage Sale. There is a need for Pickup People and Vehicles beginning on Monday July 20 thru Thursday July 23 from 5:15 until 7:30 pm nightly. Steve Montgomery suggested that we not accept Televisions due to the transition to Digital TV and that we do not wish to become a "dumping ground" for obsolete televisions.

X. Halle Issues

Cleaning Crews – Meet with Jeff Post Meeting to discuss scheduling
Thanks to Bobby Sagebiel for Blood Drive Organization

The meeting was closed with a prayer to our Lord by President Carlos Juenke. A meal of light sandwich fare was held and members had the opportunity to view a video of the Traditional Latin Mass from the FSSP who will be celebrating a Solemn High Mass with Schola on June 14th @ 2pm.