

Minutes from July 8, 2009 St Joseph's Society

1. Meeting opened by singing of O Blessed St Joseph led by Heinrich Boenig and followed by President Carlos Juenke leading the Novena to St Joseph. Motion to Adopt the Agenda for the meeting made by Kermit Ernst, seconded by Butch Zenner, Motion Passed.
2. Minutes approved as posted to the Website and mailed to those members on mailing list. Members who do have Email urged to forward e-mail addresses to Carlos Juenke. This minimizes the cost and effort of "mail outs." Carlos' email is: carlos@beecreek.net.
3. Tres. Report consisted of Profit and Loss Statement for June 2009. Cash flow was for a loss of ~ \$817. Current Balances of account as of 6-30-09 are: Checking \$20,709; Savings \$14,194; St Joseph's CD \$10,124; Halle Renovation Fund \$6,500. Treasurer was questioned as to how large a balance we should carry in the Checking account, CD Investment of some excess funds should be considered from the General Fund/Checking Account.
4. New Member Candidate – James Coffey, Accepted for Membership, proposed by Carlos Juenke
5. Parish Wide Garage Sale: Sign up for helping with pickup of items and trucks, etc. Pickup Dates are MONDAY July 20 Thru Thursday July 23 with Garage Sale to occur on July 24 & 25th. Clean up will occur on July 25th PM and Sunday 26th, Monday 27th. Discussion held as to reserve for the society for "Extra" use of A/C due to the persistent heat.
Members who signed up to assist: Heinrich Boenig, Ken Kunz, Gus and Gladys Pehl, Jim Coffey, Marion and Emily Baethge, Marcus Maurer, Dan Pohler, Joe Crenwelge, Tom Jung, David Hartman, Carlos and Martha Juenke, Elroy and Josie Juenke, Jeff Dittmar. Further volunteers please contact Carlos Juenke at 830-669-2360 or carlos@beecreek.net.
6. Review and Adoption of By Laws for Society - By Laws revisions presented by the Board and discussed from comments received following the initial presentation of By Laws .
Art VII Section III Dissolution : to include proper asset transfers to be selected by both officers and membership.
Art IV Officers – The Position of Parliamentarian is to be added to the list of officers in keeping with the position of Sergeant at Arms in previous By Laws versions rather than an appointed position.

Discussion of other provisions: Definition of Practical VS Practicing Catholic as requirement for membership; "Initial Fee" for membership as the Dues for the Society are Equal for all members. Initial Dues are prorated to time of membership by month; Term limit of 2 consecutive 2 year terms per position was discussed as not being viable due to technological and time requirements required of both the Sec/Tres positions and President which has narrowed the field of members who can perform the duties required.

Service was encouraged by all members and members are encouraged to accept the challenge when appropriate by serving as an officer of the society.

Motion to Adopt the By Laws by Kermit Ernst, Second by Joe Crenwelge. Numerical Vote Result: 19 for Motion, 0 Objecting to Motion. THESE BY LAWS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON OUR WEB SITE.

7. Other Business Included: **NO AUGUST MEETING** PER President Carlos Juenke. Next Meeting will be Sept 9th @ 6:30 pm at the Halle.

Discussion by Danny Pohler who has returned from a visit to Santa Fe, New Mexico on the Loreto Chapel next to the Cathedral in Santa Fe and the Amazing Handcrafted Circular Staircase constructed without nails and only wooden pegs contained within the Chapel. History has shown that the Builder of the Staircase was known only to the Mother Superior of the Nuns and she had never divulged the identity of the Builder. Devotion has claimed this person to be St Joseph as the Nuns of the Chapel had their prayers answered on the 9th day of a Novena to St Joseph for someone to construct the necessary stairs to the Choir Loft of the Chapel.

Discussed ongoing projects: Halle Exterior Lighting, Bat Abatement, Stage Lighting, and Drainage of the East Basement window. Discussed ongoing Restoration efforts including present Architect position with an effort to obtain a graduate student from the UT School of Architecture for possible Masters Degree Project by working with the Society to product a master plan. Ongoing changes in the Parish Hall project may necessitate a delay in the availability of previous architects who have agreed to production of a Halle Master Plan.

Thank you's from Fr. Michael Stinson, Seminarian Charles Vreeland, and other Seminarians from Guadalupe Seminary/FSSP for the use of the Halle for their Reception following Fr. Stinson's First Solemn High Mass on June 14th.

Presentation/viewing of the Society Photo Taken during the Fr. Roch Observance on June 14th. Final work on the photo is being done, if members would like a copy please contact either Carlos Juenke or Darin Holmes in the near future.

Reporting of the Death of Member Ray Bourgea who died on July 2nd. Cremation has taken place and a memorial Mass will be offered on Monday July 13th, 11 am at St Marys. No Vigil has been scheduled and the Society has not been requested for any special duty.

Please continue to pray for those members who may be sick or in distress.

8. Meeting adjourned with a Prayer to our Father at 7:25pm
9. Light meal of Sandwich Cold Cuts and Beverages provided by Jeff Dittmar

NEXT MEETING SEPT 9, 2009 ST JOSEPH'S HALLE 6:30 PM