

Parish Council Meeting, May 5 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Frank Vogl.

Present were Frank Vogl, Cathy Raethz, Betty Stanek, Jane Ogle, Roland Breunig, Dan Brantner, Kelly Aleson, and Marge Hollenberger. Absent: David Aide

Also present were Father Dave Timmerman, Mary Ann Ivey, Becky Eastman and Doug Kotecki, Trustee.

Father led us in prayer.

First Item: Becky gave us a report on the RE program.

She told us about the RE programs for children from preschool age thru grade 10. The "capture rate" is about 82%.

Generations of Faith (parish wide catechesis) 4 sessions per year, 2 dates for each session.

All students are expected to attend these sessions. Adults are invited to attend.

She also told us that Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2nd grade is no longer taught as part of the regular class time curriculum. They are to be taught at home. Father Dave mentioned that he would like to make a few changes in the GOF program to get more people to attend.

Next Item: Building and Grounds committee report by Dan. He stated that nothing new is going on right now that hasn't been discussed before.

Roland mentioned the "wish list". He thought it would be a good idea to come up with a "wish list" and put it on the Parish web site, along with estimates of what the various items would cost. Then people who wanted to contribute for a certain item could do so. Roland agreed to take charge of the wish list. Cathy mentioned that one thing needed in the handicapped rest room was a privacy curtain. Father said the wish list was a great idea. Kelly mentioned that a vacuum that could be used in the class room and the Ark Room (children's room) would be welcomed by the teachers and mothers who use the children's room.

Roland went over the financial statements. End of March statement YTD, that income is up and spending down. So we are ahead of the budget. Investment income is down because of expenses for the elevator. The investment funds are being switched from BMO and the American Fund to Edward Jones.

A new system is being introduced for counting the collection monies. A learning session will take place at St Joseph's on May 26th at 6:30 P.M.

New processes are also being put in place, so the various St Joseph committees and staff will know how much they can spend without Council approval, and when they need to make a request to Father, or the Financial committee, or Parish Council. This will be discussed more thoroughly in the future.

Marge handed out copies of the new draft of the St Joseph bylaws. We will discuss them in depth at our next meeting after every one has had time to study them. We will also discuss the Organization Chart that Roland introduced.

Roland made a motion that the minutes of the last parish council be accepted and Jane seconded it. Motion passed.

The names of those interested in running for Parish Council were again noted. They are: Mary Barrett, Kathy Citta, Cathy Raethz, Ron Steponkus, and Sue Tronnes. Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 P.M. there will be a meeting for all the candidates and members of the present Parish Council who wish to attend. The candidates will be asked to supply a brief biography and photos will be taken.

Father told us he had hired Barbara Rademacher for the specific job of making sure all the restrooms are cleaned on Friday for the weekend, and to clean them again on Monday if needed. Father also told us plans are being made to build a float for the Tobacco Days Parade. There will be more information in the bulletin, please watch for it. The Campbells are already working on ideas. This will be a good way to let the community know how important St. Joseph's is to its members, and the community.

Next the clean-up day was discussed. It was decided that Cathy Raethz will be in charge of the cleaning inside of the church, and Jon Peterson will be in charge of work done on the church grounds.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:00 P.M. after a prayer led by Father Dave.

The next meeting will be July 7th at 6:30 P.M.

Margaret Hollenberger, Secretary
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