

## Parish Council Meeting 1.5.16

Present: Sue Tronnes, Roland Breunig, Frank Vogl, Dan Brantner, Mary Barret, Betty Stanek, Ron Steponkus, Kelly Aleson, Jared Hammer, and Doug Kotecki.

Also present: Father Dave, at 7:15 P.M. We had to change the meeting from 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. because of the sacrament of Reconciliation at Milton from 5:00—7:00 PM every Tuesday night.

Sue called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. Roland provided us with a prayer about stewardship to start the meeting. Sue followed up with the St. Joseph Mission Statement.

First item was approval of the minutes from the December first meeting. Dan was concerned about some of the wording in the paragraph about sharing a priest. Father explained that we should consider ourselves to be one with St. Mary's, only in regard to the fact that we share a priest. As a result we probably have similar problems in adapting to that fact. Roland made a motion to accept the minutes, Frank seconded it, and the motion carried.

Next Roland told us that there are parts of the Financial statement that are not yet complete, but we should have a better understanding of where we are financially when all the end of the year items have been taken care of. This will hopefully be done by next month's meeting.

Dan gave a Building and Grounds update. He said there is not much new going on at this time. The pumps he told us about at the last meeting have been installed. They have begun to look at the basement flooring situation. The large size of the floor and also dealing with the asbestos will make this a challenging situation. He did also say that this is not something that we will be dealing with anytime soon, but it is just something to keep on our radar.

Next was the Pastor's report from Fr. Dave. He said he is very happy to have had the carpeting replaced in his office here. He reminded us about the current project of updating the Parish Directory. Parish members can sign up on line. We are using the same company that did the previous directory. He reminded us to encourage all parish members to have their family photos taken, so that the directory will be as up to date as possible. Father mentioned again having a meeting with St. Mary's Pastoral Council. He has mentioned it to them and would like us to do it, to discuss the changes that occur when two parishes share a priest. He also mentioned the St Mary's, St Joseph combined bulletin that is printed at St Mary's. There was a question as to the cost to us of the bulletin. Father explained that the expense to us would be minimal, probably the cost of two toner cartridges for their copy machine per year. Roland had a question about the placement of the Tabernacle. The Bishop has stated that the tabernacle in each church in the diocese should be behind the altar, and in a central position. Ours is all right, where it is and will not have to be moved, Father assured us.

Next Sue reviewed the ideas discussed at the last meeting regarding our mission statement, organizational chart, and job descriptions. The idea of reviewing our mission statement seemed to be the most important to start with. It was discussed that we will begin doing so at the next meeting. Once that is completed, we can work on posting the mission statement in the church, in the bulletin and any other methods of communications that we feel would be effective

Next there was a discussion about the various active groups in the parish. We want to get the information about each group to the whole parish, along with names to contact if parish members want to become a part of any of those groups.

Next we briefly discussed a five year plan. Since we have completed the elevator and roof projects, what should we be planning for in the future? This is something we will continue to work on over time.

The Stewardship committee gave their report next. There was a general consensus that having a Stewardship Event in April would be a good idea. This would help improve communication, cooperation, marketing, and public relations, so that we become a more unified congregation, here at St Joseph. Each active church group would be invited to have a table in the vestibule with information about their group and what is expected of people that belong to that group. There was a lot of discussion about whether this should be a Saturday/Sunday event following Mass, or a separate event held in the basement of the church. There was also a suggestion no matter how it was done, a suggestion box should be available to one and all. Also, maybe there could be a prize drawing accompanying the Event. The stewardship committee also, talked about the photos being taken for the church directory, and stated there would have to be some volunteers helping the people register and getting all their pertinent information when they arrived to get their photos taken. After the meeting, some of the Council members volunteered to help.

As the meeting was winding down, Father mentioned the warped bulletin board in the vestibule. It's really quite an eyesore. Dan said he would work on getting that taken care of. Sue mentioned that the next meeting's agenda will include a discussion reviewing the parish mission statement, and discussion about parish communication/ stewardship event plans that were started tonight.

Father led us in prayer and the meeting adjourned about 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Margaret Hollenberger, secretary.