

Pastoral Council Meeting 4.5.16

Present: Sue, Betty, Marge, Dan, Kelly, Roland and Doug.

7:05 P.M. First item of business. Minutes of previous meeting. Roland made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roland gave us a brief summary of the financial status. The operating account is doing all right. We are self-funded at this time. The investment account didn't do well at the beginning of the year. Not a problem at this time.

Father arrived at 7:10 and Katie Kotecki from the stewardship committee took a group photo for the Church directory.

Meeting resumed. Father led us in prayer.

Next Dan gave Building and Grounds committee report.

Work will be done on the parking lot in May. Some of the glass panels in the roof need caulking. That problem is being taken care of. They would like to get all the carpeted floors in the church cleaned.

Also find some volunteers to help with washing all the windows.

Possibility of taking the Air Conditioner out of the Board Room and moving it to the Mom's room. Then getting a larger AC for the Board room. There is a bit of a problem finding electrical access to some areas of the church. Dan feels that can be taken care of without a lot of fuss.

Father announced that the Board room will no longer be used for any type of meeting or get together that involves food. Too many times it has been used for such meetings, and the clean up afterwards as been inadequate.

Father Dave reported that he had been in touch with a person who has made some very distinct outdoor signs. He has asked him to redo our two St. Joseph signs that are almost impossible to read.

There followed a discussion of the church getting a floor scrubbing machine, to help with the general cleanliness of the church. That is being investigated.

Father Dave's report. The Easter decorations looked very nice. The Easter services all went well.

Confirmation will be on April 17th. St Joseph, St Mary, Cambridge and Oaklawn will all be included in the Confirmation service.

First Communion will be April 24th.

Father has 10 weddings scheduled for this summer, between the two parishes.

Roland asked if a report on the donations for Priests for the Future was available. Father said he could get that from the diocese.

Next we discussed when the next Council member election would take place.

Doug Kotecki will be in charge of the election. Father will let him know if he wants to appoint one Councilmember. If that is the case then two members will be elected by the parish as a whole and one trustee will be elected.

The initial announcement will be in the bulletin April 16-17. We are encouraged to invite parish members we think would be interested and helpful to the council to seek nomination. There will be a prayer meeting with Father Dave on May 15th for all those who are interested in being elected to the council. There will be a deadline for those who have decided they want to be a candidate for Council membership. The names and bios of those interested will be in the bulletin June 11-12.

Jared Hammer sent a Stewardship committee report to Sue as he couldn't make it to the meeting.

1. The Palm Sunday cookie decorating and craft event went well. There was a good turn out and some new faces.
2. They are finishing up the group photos for the new directory.
3. They will be helping building and grounds committee organize a parish cleanup day.
4. They are working on putting together a publication that will explain the various groups/committees that work within the church that will eventually be available to use as part of a welcoming packet to new members, and help current members decide if they would like to join any of those groups.
5. They would like to have a kick-off Stewardship event in October.

Father Dave encouraged all the Council members to encourage Jon as he works on planning the Parish Dinner, and help where ever we can. There are a lot of details to be taken care of. He reminded us that the Dinner is our one Big Money Making event. We should all be interested and encourage others in helping to make this event a success.

Father let us in prayer. We adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Margaret Hollenberger, Secretary