

Pastoral Council Meeting 10.4.16

Present: Kelly Aleson, Doug Kotecki, Gina Petry, Ron Steponkus, Mary Barrett, Jared Hammer, Patti Behrens, Sue Tronnes, Marge Hollenberger, Dan Brantner,

Absent: Roland Breunig.

The meeting began at 7:05 PM with a prayer led by Chairman Sue Tronnes.

First item was accepting the minutes of the 9-6-16 meeting. Doug made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Jared, all voted yes.

Next item, Finance report given by Gina Petry. The Finance council is working on a two year view of Parish finances. They feel it is a good time to hold on any large expenditures. They are working on finalizing the budget for the year. They are looking into the possibility of having wifi available in the building.

Next item: Dan Brantner's report from the committee. Not much new at this point. They are discussing the replacement of the floor downstairs in the parish hall. Also, working on getting the floor of the church cleaned. They are also looking into getting carpeting for MaryAnn and Becky's offices. Waiting to hear when the person who is going to fix the railing above the back parking lot is actually going to fix it.

Next, we discussed "Donut Sunday" The people who were in charge of the first two "Donut Sundays" said they had gone very well, and been greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm. The people that attended said they liked being in a larger space. Both times 6 dozed doughnuts had been ordered and all had been eaten. The cost per Sunday was \$75-\$100. There was acknowledgement that some people are really not in favor of this program. All of us that have been asked about why we are doing this are telling whoever asks, that the idea is not to get people to eat doughnuts, but to get people together to encourage fellowship and stewardship. We also were reminded that Sunday Mass almost always has a lot more people in attendance than the Saturday night mass.

Father arrived at 7:25 PM after confessions at Milton.

At this time, there is a conflict about having the G.O.F. program in the same area of the parish hall as the Donut Sunday event. As a result, this Sunday Donut Sunday will happen upstairs, and is being organized by Jared Hammer. Jared Hammer suggested that a meeting be arranged between Becky and the KC's regarding combining GOF and Donut Sundays. As far as financing Donut Sunday, approximately \$1,000 has been donated toward this program. Other items to be worked out are the signage to be used to thank the sponsors, setting a template for information from the sponsors, and letting all the members of the parish know anyone can sponsor a "Donut Sunday" you don't have to be a business. Gina will write up something for the bulletin that informs all members of the parish what they have to do if they want to be a sponsor.

The new Mission Statement Sign above the front doors to the church was mentioned. All had good things to say about the sign. Sue Tronnes deserves a big "thank you" for bringing this idea to us, and seeing that it was accomplished.

Jared reported that this Sunday the stewardship committee will be selling Sweatshirts and t-shirts. They are planning an outing for Parish members on October 16th at Hermanson's pumpkin patch. A New Year's Eve dance is also being discussed. The booklet on parish activities and organizations is shaping up, and hopefully will be available the end of November.

Father gave us a report from Jon on the Parish Dinner/Festival. The event was a success in that we earned about \$500 more than last year. There were 84 people from the parish that worked at the dinner. The complete report will be filed with the minutes for tonight's meeting.

Father then told us they are considering adding a new employee to the parish. A parish administrator. He is working with several people to set up exactly what this person would do. The basic idea is to always have someone in the building who is available to answer questions and make decisions and would be able contact Father, MaryAnn, Becky or Jon as required.

There was discussion about having a piano upstairs in one of the classrooms, so rehearsal for Mass could be done in that classroom. Another piano would be needed. The suggestion was made that it be put on a wish list made available to all the parish. Hopefully someone might have a piano they need to get out of their home. Everyone was encouraged to bring their ideas for a wish list to the next council meet

Our next meeting will be November 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 after Father Dave read us the prayer of St Francis of Assisi.

Margaret Hollenberger; Secretary