

Pastoral Council 11.2.16

Present: Mary Barrett, Roland Breunig, Patti Behrens, Dan Brantner, Sue Tronnes, Gina Petry, Marge Hollenberger, Kelly Aleson and Ron Steponkus.

Absent: Jared Hammer and Doug Kotecki

Also present: Father Dave Timmerman

Meeting began with a prayer led by Sue. 7:00 P.M.

First item was a presentation by Three Blind Mice representative Tom Law, He had been asked to do a presentation showing us how WiFi could be brought into the building, and what the cost would be. He gave us three ways that it could be done.

1. Installing one very basic router in Becky's room. That would be for her use and 3-5 more wireless devices. Cost of router \$149.00.
2. Hard wire the whole building on the main floor. Four top of the line routers plus labor, and parts. Cost \$2734.00.
3. Install one top of the line router in Becky's room, and see how much of the ground floor of the building it would cover. That would be \$469.99 for the router plus labor and other parts. Then we would have the option of adding more routers on the ground floor of the building and possibly one for the basement, once the area they covered was established.
There would be a one year warranty. After that a service call would be about \$60

Father arrived at 7:30pm. He had had confessions at St Mary's to attend to before he could join us.

Sue shared the information learned from the presentation about the Tri-Band router for Becky's room. No action was taken at this time. We will discuss it again after the Finance Council looks at the information. Another vendor was mentioned as a possible option.

The Cupcake sale for the Harry Potter festival was discussed. It was a big success. The people that did the work hope that the proceeds can go toward the WiFi project.

The next item was the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion by Patti to accept them as presented. 2nd by Roland. Motion carried.

Next was a report on the Finance Council. They had not had a meeting, so there was really nothing more except they are working on the budget. Roland asked that the Council be given a quarterly report of the Church's finances.

Next Dan gave us a report from the Building and Grounds committee. The floor scrubbers they are looking at would cost from \$5200 to \$9000.

Estimates for replacing the dining hall floor downstairs went from \$22-29,000.

He explained that cleaning the floor of the church itself would take a while and have to be done in sections as they want to remove & replace the pews in order to clean under them properly.

Father explained to everyone that the proper way for estimates of proposed expenses should be handled by providing estimates to the Pastoral Council, who would discuss them and then, if approved,

would pass them on to the Finance Council to see how the expense could fit into the budget of the parish.

The microphones used on the altar were discussed, as it didn't seem they worked very well for Fr. Gunn and Fr. McHenry. The general consensus is that the batteries were the problem. That should not be a big problem in the future.

Then Father gave us his report. As to the Parish Administrator, he is still gathering information.

The council then viewed a DVD that had been provided by the Diocese to show us current work in progress by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese. They ask for our prayers and also volunteers to help with their various projects.

Roland asked Father if he could get the council or parish information on the Diocesan "Priests for the Future" collection. He thought the members of the Parish would like to know if the pledges were being fulfilled.

The next discussion was "Donut Sundays". The feedback is that it seems to be going quite well. The GOF program is agreeable to trying to work out a joint meal in the Parish Hall with Donut Sunday.

Gina will see to the assignment of sponsors to the Sundays of the First quarter of 2017. It was mentioned that the sponsors should get a written "Thank you" note. If anyone is able to handle that, it would be appreciated.

It was also noted that some people that regularly attend Saturday night Mass wonder why there isn't Saturday night fellowship event.

A "Wish List" for the parish was discussed next. Roland said he would talk to Father Dave, Maryann, Jon and Becky to get ideas for the list.

Roland also reported on the Rosary before Mass on the weekends in October. He said music rehearsal before Mass didn't present a problem for the rosaries being said but he had not yet had an opportunity to discuss this with the musicians.

It was mentioned that a keyboard may be a good thing to put on the "Wish List" so it could be placed in a room across the hall from the church so that rehearsal for Mass could be done in that room and it would be more portable for additional events.

Father told us that the bus trip was a success. The total amount the trip earned was \$7,420.00. That will be divided between St Mary's and St Joseph's according to the number of people that attended from each parish.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted; Margaret Hollenberger, Secretary.