

Pastoral Council Meeting of 12.6.16

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

Also present: Andy Aleson and Fr. Timmerman after 7:30 PM.

First item. Minutes of the last meeting. Sue made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan, all approved the minutes.

Gina gave a Financial Report. She gave us all a printed report for the parish covering July thru October of 2016. After some discussion everyone was satisfied.

Dan was asked for a Building and Grounds committee report. Jared presented the fact that the lighting in front of the church at night, especially after 5:30 Mass is not very good. After some discussion, Roland made a motion that the B & G committee investigate improving the lighting in front of the Church. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jared. All were in favor. Dan also told us that the railing going up the stairs in back of the church and on the landing at the top would be fixed so that the space between the slats was less, and therefore safer.

Father Dave arrived at 7:30 PM.

Gina expressed concerns that although we do a lot of talking about various needs and problems at St. Joseph's, we don't always come up with a plan of action. Roland, also, mentioned that we need a way of prioritizing the needs and then start working on what needs the most urgent attention.

The discussion that followed came up with four steps when handling problems and needs, define what needs to be done, decide when it needs to be done, decide how it will be financed and who will be in charge of getting the job done.

Next Andy Aleson gave a report on setting up WiFi in whole the church building. He said he could do it for about \$600.00. Roland made a motion that Andy should do it, as Andy is knowledgeable about the Internet and WiFi. Gina 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor. Father signed the proposal giving Andy permission to accomplish this task and said if need be he could spend up to \$1000.00.

There was a short discussion about the broken microphone used during the Mass. Andy said he could investigate that, and see that we got a new one.

There was also a concern about people using the street in front of the church as a short cut to get from one side of St. Joseph Circle to the other. Speed bumps are being considered.

Father Dave's report. Something has happened to the Gospel book that is used for Masses. He has looked all over the Sacristy and it's not to be found. It's somewhat of a problem because the readings in the book he is using as a substitute are somewhat different from the readings in the missalette.(sp?) There is a fund raiser for Outreach coming up this weekend and also, a collection to benefit retired Priests.

There followed a discussion on Fund Raising activities taking place in the parish. Father is very wary about overloading the giving requests to the Parish. There again, it's something that should probably be discussed by the Council and approved by Father Dave.

The next item discussed was Donut Sunday combined with GOF. Roland reported that it appeared that all went well. He was surprised that there were so few people attending GOF. However, all agreed that the weather and the Packer game probably had something to do with that. It will be interesting to see how well the Wednesday session of GOF was attended.

As to Donut Sunday, we have sponsors for about all of the first quarter of the year. We will need people to do the actual work involved. The work is not too difficult and has been carefully outlined, so people know how to accomplish what needs to be done.

The "Wish List" idea was then discussed. There again it was decided that the Council should discuss ideas that were presented for a "Wish List". Then they in would inform Father of their opinions regarding items that were proposed for such a list. At the present, there is one item that is wished for, and that is a keyboard for the people taking care of the music at Mass.

Then Jared told us about the stewardship committee. Their next project is a New Year's Eve dance. for all members of the parish. It will be on January first.

There will not be a January meeting of the Council. AT the February meeting, we do a walk thru of the church, to assess the needs of the church building and the people using it. We all agreed that that would be a very good idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM, after a prayer by Father Dave.

Respectively submitted: Margaret Hollenberger, Secretary.