

Pastoral Council April 4, 2017

Present: Doug Kotecki, Roland Bruenig, Ron Steponkus, Dan Brantner, Patti Behrens, Mary Barrett, Sue Tronnes, Marge Hollenberger, Jared Hammer.

Also present: Father Dave

Absent: Gina Petry and Kelly Aleson

Meeting called to order by Sue Tronnes at 7:04 PM. The minutes for the past two meetings were discussed. A correction was made at bottom of first page of minutes for the March meeting. The correction clarified that the B and G committee were asked to check into a security system for the whole Church building. Sue then moved the minutes for both meetings be accepted, 2nd by Patti Behrens, motion carried.

Next discussion was regarding Donut Sunday. Most thought that the response was good. Sponsors have been signed up thru the end of June and there are only approximately 5 hosting spots still open. At the next meeting we will discuss whether or not to have Donut Sundays in July and August. There will not be Donuts on May 7th, as the CCW is having their May mother's day gathering after 9:00AM Mass. The Mass time is changed because of First Communion.

Next Doug brought us up to date on the election of new Council members. The bulletin will inform parish members that nominations may be submitted for election to the Pastoral Council from mid April to mid May. Those nominated will meet with Father during May (date yet to be determined), so he can answer any questions they have and be given a full understanding of their duties if elected Council members. Elections will be during June.

Dan gave us a report on the Building & Grounds committee. There is a leak over the pulpit on the altar. Arrangements have been made to have the roof repaired in that area. As to the floor in the church hall downstairs, besides the floor being done they are also looking into possibly having some additional changes to the way the hall is decorated. Various people have mentioned ways to change the décor, so there is talk of getting members who are interested in such a program together and make a plan for the entire hall. The locks on the doors have become a problem, as they are all different and have been installed at different times plus some of the doors don't close easily unless they are pulled shut. They will have to investigate the best way to solve that problem. The front doors are the only ones opened during the week. The boilers should be installed by the end of May. Sue thanked Dan for putting in extra time during Jon's absence. Jon is currently back part time but he is not supposed to do any heavy work for a while.

Roland talked to us about the "Wish List". He said that he feels that a wish list is not needed at this time. The keyboard issue has been taken care of.

Father Dave told us about progress being made on the description of the proposed Parish Administrator. We will see the description when it has been completed. Father and Becky have begun discussing an Education Commission. The starting point will be for Becky and Father to contact nearby parishes that

currently have an Education Commission and find out what the commission does and how it functions. The general feeling was that Education should not be only for the children of the parish but that there should be programs for all ages. We were told about one RE class that has visited the Edgerton Care Center to visit with the residents. The people in the home have greatly enjoyed that community service.

Roland had a couple more items he wanted to discuss. He is concerned about the Generations of Faith program and the time it takes for the Knights of Columbus to prepare the meals on Sundays with such a small attendance. A general discussion was then had on how the information about what the program is about could be communicated to improve attendance. Maybe if the program was explained better to the entire congregation, more families would choose to attend. The other question he had was about the Parish Administrator and the comments he has been hearing from parishioners. Father communicated that the job description and pay of the administrator is still undecided. He is continuing to work with a consultant on the details and he will have more information available soon. He is working hard to have the expectations of the position set out clearly in order for the person chosen and the parish operations to have success.

Roland also suggested that we look into whether or not any grants from the diocese could be available to our parish.

Jared Hammer told us the Fellowship committee is planning a bake sale.

After a prayer with Father Dave the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Margaret Hollenberger