

Pastoral Council 6.6.17

Present: Father Dave & Council members Patty Behrens, Mary Barrett, Doug Kotecki, Roland Breunig, Ron Steponkus, Dan Brantner, Marge Hollenberger, Jared Hammer, Sue Tronnes and Gina Petry.

Absent: Kelly Aleson

Sue called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Father led us in prayer.

First item, Minutes of the 5.2.17 meeting. Motion by Roland to accept as written, 2nd by Dan, motion carried.

Next: Donut Sunday. Last Sunday they had an excellent turn out. There was no food left when it was over. The question was raised, "should we continue this event thru the summer months?" We will continue at least thru July 9th and then will post a sign up list and hold donuts as long as there is interest and help. Patti volunteered to host the July 9th event.

Next: Gina reporting for the Finance committee told us the new boilers et al have been installed, they are just waiting for the bill then it will be included in the financial report. They are also waiting to hear from the various church committees about possible needs for funding in the next year so they can set up a budget.

Next: Dan reported on the Building and Grounds committee. Probably the biggest item for the B. & G. committee is the new floor for the parish hall and the kitchen. He said they have to have an OK from the Parish Council and the Finance committee before they can ask a supplier for an estimate of the cost. At this time they believe it will cost between \$28,000 and \$32,000. There is still one small leak in the skylight. That will be taken care of soon. They would also like to purchase a floor scrubber, which would cost approximately \$8,000.

There was a discussion of the Council that the Church Dinner, which will be held on September 17, could be used as a fund raiser for the new floor in the kitchen and the hall and to purchase a floor scrubber for the church. This would make the parish dinner fundraiser a more "purposeful" fundraiser versus being the current "general" fundraising event. It was felt that giving it a purpose could increase the success. There were also suggestions for events that could be held in conjunction with the dinner. Father mentioned that there are all the upstairs rooms that could be used for such things as a silent auction, various games and maybe a rummage sale. With the elevator, getting from the hall to the rooms shouldn't be a problem. Sue stated it would be great to have a 5 year plan of major expenses coming up to better organize fund raising for the church.

Parish elections: Doug reported that the new council members will be Jason Oswald, to replace Jared Hammer as Trustee, Brian Timmerman, John Scherrer, Jamey Siegert. They will be welcomed to the council at the next meeting in July. The July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11th, as the first Tuesday of July is July 4th. Sue thanked Jared, Roland, Dan and Kelly who are retiring from the council for their service.

Father's report: Father told us he would like to have us meet with the Milton Pastoral Council to get to know each other. That will be scheduled some time in the fall. The Campbell's have agreed to do the Tobacco Days float. Father gave them some idea of what he would like and they have started on it. (We are rooted and we are reaching).

In regard to a Parish Administrator, Father has put that to the side until it can be discussed with the Finance Committee how that position will be funded.

Next he started a discussion on how to get people who belong to St Joseph more involved in supporting the church and in participating in our activities. There are approximately 400 families who belong to St. Joseph, but only about 175 that regularly donate to the church and participate in church activities. One idea was to change the Church dinner, from a dinner to a festival. Maybe the meal should be more like a picnic and there could be many other activities that people could donate their time to run and become more acquainted with other church members. We want to build a united body of church members, who will work together to become a more vibrant, active and united Church. (Remember the sermon - We've got Spirit, yes we do; we've got Spirit, how about you?) Doug said he would be happy to speak at both Masses of a weekend to encourage people to become involved in raising funds. Another idea was to have a special collection of "second servings" for the church on the 2nd weekend of every month to help raise the funds needed. We will plan to establish a sub-committee of the council for this at the next meeting.

A few of the ideas floated around the table for fundraising included: rummage sale, fun run, bags/corn hole tournament, euchre tournament, bake sale, trivia night, & game night.

Next: Jared updated us on the Fellowship committee. The "Trolls and Treats" event that was held last Friday was a success. They have presented two scholarships for students to participate in a diocese mission.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30 PM after a prayer by Father Dave.

Respectfully submitted: Margaret Hollenberger