

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Diane Nekvinda & Jim Cannon (Welcoming), Brian Berg (Building & Grounds), Jeff Ellefson (Finance), Jessie DeGiorgio (Liturgy/Art/Environment), Jan Feterl (Social Ministries), Sandra Meyers (Parish Activities), Melanie Eitreim (Stewardship), Annamarie Trevvett (Youth), Fr. Tschakert, Tonia Honner

Opened with prayer

Committee Reports

Liturgy/Art/Environment:

- Six stained glass windows on the east side of the Nave have been installed. The second set of 6 windows for the west side of the Nave is being worked on. Fr. Tschakert informed us that after this last weekend's bulletin announcement we have enough money donated to pay for the second set of six windows. Darryl Dubs has contacted Ken at Dakota Stained Glass to get these finished. No projected installation date was given.
- Jessie took a picture of the Divine Mercy window in Fr.'s confessional and made it into a book mark/prayer card. She suggested using it as a giveaway for the Year of Mercy. Fr. Tschakert proposed we use it in the "Sharing Our Gifts" annual appeal to be mailed out this fall. Parish staff will work on a prayer to put on the back side.
- One more table has been ordered for the Gathering Space.
- Jessie completed another archival photo album: "A Celebration of Life."

Building & Grounds:

- Replaced carpet in the Kindergarten room to address the issue with an expansion joint in the floor that causes the tiles to break and create a tripping hazard.
- Issues with the HVAC unit in the new addition have been addressed and the units duct work has been rerouted to fix the water issue. Brian intends to have work wrapped up by August 17th in time for school to start.
- Fr. Tschakert asked that we address the burnt out lights in the Gathering Space sooner rather than later. Currently, only one down light works. There will be a few lights that need to be fixed or replaced in the Nave as well.

Faith Formation:

- Doors of Mercy study on "The Gospel of Luke" will begin after Labor Day on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. Deacon Denny and Gae will offer the same program on Sunday and Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning in October.
- Fr. Tschakert will offer a study from "The Word Among Us" on "Repentance" beginning on Wednesday mornings after the 8 a.m. school Mass.
- Parish Mission with Bill Wegner is rescheduled for September 25th-28th. The topic will be Mercy.

Welcoming:

- Welcoming committee members will help with greeting and have a table available for new parishioners to pick up their welcome packet at the Parish Picnic later this month.
- This summer registrations were down, more people are opting to meet after Mass over home visits. We informed Diane that six new couples registered this last weekend.

Communications:

- Carol would like anything you want added to the September e-Newsletter by Sunday, August 21st.

Finance:

- Jeff provided us with a copy of the month-end summary for July. Our debt currently sets at \$3.5 million; in July 2015 our debt was \$4.2 million. The debt retirement was aided by \$250,000 received from St. Michael Parish from a land sale that was part of the agreement when we originally split the parishes. The fiscal year end came in on budget as anticipated. The new fiscal budget for 2016 shows an anticipated 3% growth in giving and expenses to be up 6% over last year.
- Jeremy Sorenson replaces outgoing chairperson Tim Loftesness.
- October Stewardship renewal program is underway with Anne Williams working on the reports. We will be working on arranging someone to give the lay witness talk at the Masses that weekend.
- Purchase orders: We will be implementing the use of purchase orders by all committees and parish members for the purchase of goods to be used by the parish. All purchase must have an approved purchase order from Fr. Tschakert before the purchase is made. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions you have.

Stewardship:

- Plans to have Fr. Wagoner speak at our parish during Lent have been tabled.
- Melanie Eitrem will go to a national Stewardship Conference in New Orleans in October. Melanie will look into other speakers who might be at this conference.

Social Ministries:

- Social Ministries Committee continues to work on Pope Francis's call for works of mercy.
- August they are focusing on contributing to the Adoration Sisters at St. Joseph Cathedral. In September, members will challenge the parish to sign up and help at the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. The committee is planning for the Advent Giving Tree.
- Volunteers continue to sign up for The Banquet; M2 program is seeing men behind bars committing to converting fellow prisoners.
- Food Pantry continues to be busy with 123 groceries and 235 bags of diapers handed out in July. Partnering with Feeding South Dakota and Jet.com has helped keep costs down.
- Plans to make a trip to Marty, SD are being made for October.

Parish Activities:

- Jessica Schulte is the new chairperson.
- Plans for the Parish Picnic are well underway with the majority of the items taken care of. The team plans to meet Friday, Aug. 26th to put together prize baskets. Committee is still looking for larger prizes for blackout and some more gift cards. Welcoming Committee will help with greeting and name tags.
- September meeting will focus on plans for Trunk or Treat and Turkey Bingo.

Youth:

- Youth Council will begin meeting again in August.
- Summer was busy with 31 kids attending Steubenville, 20 kids attending the Mission Trip in Milwaukee; The kids returned from both and are really on fire.
- Y-Disciple training and groups start up in August.
- Annamarie has really appreciated the option for people to donate to the youth program through our online giving program. The youth program ended on budget.
- Sunday, September 25th the youth will kick off their fundraising with a Bean Bag Tournament.
- Confirmation 2017 is set for Sunday, February 19th at our 10:30 a.m. Mass. We have 36 students registered so far.
- Young Adults will start meeting on Tuesday, September 13th and will change to meeting monthly instead of bi-monthly.
- Presentation by our World Youth Day participants was a great success. Presentations were made by Bailey Lauret, Luke Fleck, Maren Curley, and Annamarie Trevvett.

Open Discussion: Jan invited all to the Fundraiser for Broom Tree Retreat Center on Saturday, August 27th featuring beer, wine, and auction items from 4-7 p.m. at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall. Fr. Tschakert mentioned the Silent Auction committee from Turkey Bingo is looking for under studies to shadow them this year and be ready to take over next year. This event is our biggest fundraiser for the Youth Program and the parish. Be prepared next month to discuss what we will do with the proceeds from this year's event.

Next meeting is September 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

Closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted: Tonia Honner 8-16-16