

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Diane Nekvinda (Welcoming), Brian Berg (Building & Grounds), Sandra Meyers (Parish Activities), Annamarie Trevvett (Youth), Jeff Ellefson (Finance), Jan Feterl (Social Ministries), Micah Mauney (Stewardship), Lloyd Tooley (Faith Formation), Darwin Wolf (Liturgy/Art/Environment), Fr. Tschakert, Tonia Honner

Opened with prayer

Committee reports:

Liturgy/Art/Environment: Darwin Wolf, a member of Liturgy/Art/Environment Committee, joined us to bring the Parish Council up to date on the Gathering Space renovation.

- The vision is to invite people to socialize with each other after Masses.
- Key elements of the space will include an information center, a big screen TV to scroll events and to watch videos, bench seating along the wall, coffee bar, a new table outside Parish Office, and table in hallway for archives, along with trees for display. Painting of the walls will help warm up the space.
- Darwin has been working with Lenae, a private designer, and Maxwell Foods for supplies.
- Cost is estimated to be \$15,000 with a \$1,000 bid on the credenza that is currently in the Gathering Space. Lenae's fees are uncertain at this time, but could be up to \$3,000.
- Dawn Wolf would be able to help with wiring of technology-related items.
- Funding for this project will be through private asks, as the Finance Committee has made it clear we will not start another campaign to fund this project. We have the Stained Glass Windows in the works and a major road and parking lot expenditure coming up.
- Wording above doors in the entryway has been put on hold as it would not be seen by many.

Building & Grounds:

- Steps were built in the shed to assist with retrieving items from the loft in the shed.
- The leak in the roof above the library in the new addition has been temporarily fixed.
- Brian was asked to give a total number of hours that our Building & Grounds crew gives each week mowing, removing snow, and maintaining our property. He said it would take 25-30 hrs. a week if we had a hired individual to complete most of these tasks.

Faith Formation:

- Day of Recollection had 20 people attend; lower-than-expected attendance was partly due to bad weather the day before.
- Wednesday morning groups at 6:30 a.m. & after 8 a.m. Mass are studying the 12 Steps of Spirituality
- Two Discipleship groups are meeting on a regular basis with two others that are close to getting off the ground.
- The committee will meet every other month starting in 2016.

Welcoming:

- Welcomed 7 new families in November
- No December meeting or tables after Masses due to Christmas.

Communications:

- Carol was unable to attend tonight's meeting and forwarded a report.
- The December e-newsletter will be sent during the first full week of December.

Finance:

- Reviewed October financials and Ryan Kerkvliet presented information on the parking lot repairs. Parking lot will get restriped in the spring and a full overlay will be needed in 2-3 years with an estimated cost of \$200,000.
- Jeff reached out to the developer who will be responsible for the other half of Katie Ave. and he indicated no plans are drawn up for next year. More than likely the parking lot and Katie Ave. costs will be incurred at the same time with each project estimated to cost around \$200,000.
- Building Fund envelope income will be used for ongoing maintenance repairs to the property.
- St. Michael Parish will be making a donation to our parish once the sale of a piece of land they own goes through. There was a verbal agreement when the two parishes split that we would receive monies from that land, since St. Michael Parish could not give us start up cash.
- Sharing Our Gifts update: Exactly the same number of families responded as last year. We have a far more accurate number to base our increase off of since all work was done in house by Anne Williams. We saved a lot of expenses by having Anne produce all the materials. Projected yearly increase is \$34,000.

- Darwin asked Jeff to investigate if we were reimbursed for expenses of Katie Ave. when we first built. Jeff will check into this matter.

Stewardship:

- No meeting was held in November

Social Ministries:

- Honoring Pope Francis's Year of Mercy
- Corporal Works of Mercy: Blood Drive to be scheduled
- Right-to-Life Subcommittee had a successful baby shower
- Habitat for Humanity Subcommittee needed a few volunteers to help with projects
- Advent Giving Tree is up with over 400 decorations
- November Food Pantry numbers: 88 bags of groceries handed out and 151 packages of diapers/wipes handed out. Thanks to our Religious Ed students and St. Michael Parish School students who donated food to our pantry in November.

Parish Activities:

- Turkey Bingo was successful with over \$22,000 raised including Youth Group monies. Knights of Columbus helped with set up. Silent Auction Committee is looking for a new lead for next year.
- Next meeting on Monday, December 7th; Laurie will step down as committee lead.
- T-shirt sales will close on Monday, December 7th.

Youth:

- November Youth Pancake Breakfast cleared over \$1,000.
- Holiday Child Care is scheduled for Saturday, December 5th.
- Youth Bake Sale will be held after Masses on December 5th & 6th.
- January Dinner show has a 50's theme. They will be serving hamburgers and fries. Tickets are available and they are taking applications for acts for the show.
- Annamarie is designing a website for the youth that will have everything available. Confirmation families will have all forms at their fingertips.
- Mission Trip and Steubenville Trip coming up this summer
- Annamarie is looking for opportunities for our middle school students this summer.

Open Discussion: No topics were brought forward.

Closing: Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Tonia Honner 11-8-15

Next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room