

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 4, 2016**

**Members present:** Diane Nekvinda (Welcoming), Brian Berg (Building & Grounds), Sandra Meyers (Parish Activities), Annamarie Trevvett (Youth Rep), Jeff Ellefson (Finance), Jan Feterl (Social Ministries), Rick Lingberg (Stewardship), Lloyd Tooley (Faith Formation), Darryl Dubs & Jessie DeGiorgio (Liturgy/Art/Environment), Joe Mauss, Fr. Tschakert, Tonia Honner

**Opened with prayer**

**Committee Reports**

**Liturgy/Art/Environment:**

- Darryl Dubs introduced Jessie DeGiorgio as the new Parish Council Representative for the Liturgy Committee.
- Gathering Space walls are painted along with the archway above doors going into the Nave. A new table for outside the Parish Office is being handmade by a few parishioners. The table down the hallway that had posters on it and the archives will be replaced with a bulletin board (pending installation).
- Stained Glass Windows: The artist has the first six windows for the east side of the Nave ready and they will be installed as soon as his team finishes up another job. We have paid for 4 of the 6 windows for the west side. The artist is working on new drawings and the edges for all twelve windows are already painted to match.
- Jessie DeGiorgio will be assisting Fr. Tschakert with decorating the altar and oval table in Gathering Space for Lent. We will affix the large cross that was made last year to a wall in the Parish Office after Lent so it can be properly displayed when not used.

**Building & Grounds:**

- Meeting is planned for Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Brian will meet with the crew that maintains the lawn to discuss additional placement of trees on the property and to replace broken and damaged trees from last year. He will propose adding a row or two of trees on the east side of the property to act as a buffer zone between the homes and our property. Brian suggested that people could choose to purchase a tree in memory of someone (not labeled). The choices would be limited to two different kinds of trees to be determined. One point was brought up about pine trees being bunny havens and this will be taken into consideration. Brian wanted to make sure we would not create a lot of mowing hazards for our crew.
- Building & Grounds crew will replace some light bulbs that are burnt out in the hallway, hang the new bulletin board, replace missing coving where credenza was removed and discuss any other immediate needs.
- Water problem has not been an issue since before Christmas; the berm out back has since been leveled. We will continue to monitor the area as things thaw out.

**Faith Formation:**

- Bill Wegner was unable to come due to the winter blizzard on the East Coast. We will look at rescheduling in September.
- Dr. Chris Burgwald will be speaking on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. on Purgatory and the Holy Door.
- Doors of Mercy program will begin on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and run through Lent.

**Welcoming:**

- January meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 8th. Diane will let us know if they are able to have a Welcoming Booth after Masses at the end of February.

**Communications:**

- No report

**Finance:**

- A payment of \$29,000 was made toward debt reduction (\$20,200 toward debt principal and \$8,500 as a true up payment for second quarter of the fiscal year). This was made possible partially through extra money collected from CFSAs 2015.
- Our monthly subsidy to Catholic Schools has increased by 5.5% which brings our monthly payment to \$31,000.
- Last month we discussed fundraising asks and how we should approach these in the future. The Finance Committee proposed that any project that is over \$5,000 and would require personal asks or a fundraising campaign should first be brought to the Finance Committee for approval. Please share this with each of your committees so they are aware of the process before they start proposing new projects or asks. No one on the Parish Council objected to this process.

**Stewardship:**

- Rick Lingberg introduced himself as the new representative for the Stewardship Committee.
- No meeting was held due to the blizzard on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd.
- Matthew Kelly has a daily "Food for Thought" message that is very powerful. He did a short video each day for Advent and plans to do the same for Lent. We are advertising in the bulletin for people to sign up for his daily messages. The message will follow the books we handed out at Christmas called Rediscovering Jesus. There are 40 chapters to follow the 40 days of Lent.
- The Banquet West: Rick was one of the volunteers who helped serve The Banquet West during the blizzard (on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>). The facility was without power and 25 parish members came together to serve over 40 people who showed up that night.

**Social Ministries:**

- Three new members joined the committee, and one of them agreed to chair the Parish Blood Drive. The Blood Drive will be Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> so donors can eat at the Youth Pancake Breakfast before donating if they'd like.
- The Social Ministries Committee will be focusing on the Corporal Works of Mercy this coming year. They will have small bulletin announcements to keep parishioners informed and engaged.
- Food Pantry: In January, we handed out 114 bags of groceries and 216 bags of diapers.
- Joe Mauss asked Jan how their committee continued to grow and have good attendance at their meetings. Jan explained there are a lot of subcommittees and they send out minutes, agendas, and reminders to each of the subcommittee members to report. The members take ownership in the subcommittee they serve on.

**Parish Activities:**

- T-shirt orders were distributed and only 2 bags remain. There are a few t-shirts to sell yet at future events.
- The committee has not met recently and is awaiting a new chairperson.

**Youth:**

- Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> is next Youth Council meeting.
- Confirmation retreat is Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and Annamarie needs small group leaders to help with that day.
- The next Youth Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Living Stations: Annamarie is working on a new script for this year.
- The youth have raised \$7,000 of their \$12,000 goal so far.
- Steubenville: Registration still open on a first come basis. \$100 registration fee with the rest up to \$300 can be fundraised.

**Open Discussion:** No additional discussion was brought up.

**Closed with prayer**

**Respectfully submitted:** Tonia Honner 2-5-16

**Next meeting is March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room**