

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Diane Nekvinda (Welcoming), Jeremy Sorensen (Finance), Jan Feterl (Social Ministries), Joe Mauss (Parish Life), Lloyd Tooley (Faith Formation), Carol Deering (Communications), Micah Mauney (Stewardship), Mary Jo Gallagher (Youth), Laurie Christensen (Parish Activities), Fr. Tschakert, Tonia Honner

Opened with prayer

Maximizing committee participation:

- How can we get more people involved on committees? We have a few committees that need more members. One possible idea was to have people personally ask others to join their committee. Some people who are empty-nesters may have more time and are looking for ways to get involved.
- Carol Deering suggested that we highlight committees in the bulletin and e-newsletter. The committee could write a short paragraph about what they do and what their needs are.

Welcoming Committee:

- The Welcoming Committee has 12 new families to welcome.
- They are going to try each family with 2 phone calls and 2 e-mails before giving up on being able to meet the new family.
- The Welcoming Committee would like to recruit new members.

Social Ministries Committee:

- Focusing on their mission of Corporal Works of Mercy
- Food Pantry usage is way up: 207 bags of diapers and 115 bags of groceries were given out in January.
- Prison Ministries Subcommittee has one new member.
- Advent Giving Tree had over 600 tags taken from the tree.

Finance Committee:

- December was a good month—year-end donations and increased online giving helped us meet our needs.

- Building Fund is at \$330,000, with some of the big ticket items for the new addition not invoiced yet. Anne will be in contact with Joe & Mike to find out where we are at.
- Katie Ave. will most likely be finished in 2016 & the cul-de-sac on Wiseman Street needs another layer of asphalt applied.
- School subsidy went up slightly. We have been able to make our monthly payment plus about \$5,000 toward principle to help reduce our debt.

Faith Formation Committee:

- Alan Ames is coming to our parish on Tuesday, March 10th.
- "Priest, Prophet, and King," a new DVD and discussion series by Fr. Robert Barron will be offered during Lent on Sundays, Mondays, and twice on Wednesday.
- Teams of Our Lady is hosting an informational meeting on Sunday, Feb. 8th to encourage all married couples to consider joining them.

Communications Committee:

- Website: We will be migrating over to the newly-designed site soon.
- We currently have an ad on KELOLand.com that will run through Lent. Postcards inviting our neighbors who live west of Sertoma Ave. to join us for Lent and upcoming events. There will be an ad in the Shopping News the week before Lent.
- We will be looking into designing a folder as a welcoming piece. Fr. Tschakert will share this piece with our Communications Committee.
- E-newsletter to go out in March. Carol asked each committee to review the questions that were submitted by them so we can send out a parish survey. Final questions are due Saturday, February 28th.
- Spiritual Adoption website is up and running.

Liturgy/Art/Environment:

- Background information and prayers are being gathered and formatted to be placed by each of the statues in the Nave, including the future statue of St. Vincent de Paul. These should be completed and hopefully in place by the end of February.

- The selections have been voted upon by parishioners for the ten stained glass windows in the Nave. They are the following:

Below the nativity:

- St. Joseph
- Christ the King
- St. Michael
- St. Peter
- St. Paul

Below the ascension:

- St. John Paul II
- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- St. Therese of Lisieux
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- St. Francis of Assisi

- Darryl is waiting to hear from Dakota Stained Glass about the cost to complete three of the ten windows. Materials costs have increased again. We will still have the same artist who completed the previous windows.

Building & Grounds Committee:

- Everything is moving along great. The school will have their Book Fair open the weekend of February 7th & 8th in a small section of the new addition. Take time to visit the Book Fair and take a peek at the progress on the new addition.

Parish Activities Committee:

- No meeting was held in January.
- Laurie will follow up on T-shirts and banner.

Youth:

- 18 kids attended the Junior High Lock-in.
- The Spaghetti Dinner and Variety Show was a huge success.
- Y-Disciple needs more male mentors. Joe Mauss suggested Mary Jo talk to the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, February 8th. There are 10 female groups currently going.
- Upcoming events are the Mission Trip and Living Stations of the Cross.

Stewardship Committee:

- "The Heart That Gives" booklet will most likely be handed out during Lent.
- Committee is looking for feedback on the CD that was given out at Christmas.
- Increased Offertory Program projected a \$180,000 increase. Questions were raised about how they arrived at that number. After looking into that number in greater detail, Jeremy from the Finance Committee explained the numbers may be skewed since OSV

only goes by the information provided on the card. That information doesn't break down which fund the parishioner chooses to put their money toward. OSV only sees the weekly collection and not the Building or Debt Reduction funds.

- Stewardship Committee members are willing to help the Welcoming Committee catch up on visits to new parishioners.
- Committee is investigating the costs of revamping the Gathering Space. Some suggestions were to have a table available to welcome people to our parish on the weekends.

Open Discussion:

- Nothing was brought to our attention.

Closing:

- Closed with prayer

Next meeting is Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room

Respectfully submitted: Tonia Honner (2-6-15)