

Parish Council Meeting Thursday, January 1, 2015

Members present: Diane Nekvinda (Welcoming), Steve Kary (Finance), Jan Feterl (Social Ministries), Joe Mauss (Parish Life), Lloyd Tooley (Faith Formation and Communications), Darryl Dubs (Liturgy/Art/Environment), Fr. Tschakert, Tonia Honner

Opened with prayer

Finalize Parish Life & Faith Formation Committees combination:

- The transition has taken place. Gloria Paulin, head of the In-Home Ministries Subcommittee will now be working with the Social Ministries Committee. She has picked up a couple new people to help her drive people to their appointments.

Welcoming Committee:

- No meeting was held in December. Diane will be sending an e-mail to invite those who signed up at the Stewardship Fair.
- Jan Feterl mentioned that some members of the Stewardship Committee would be willing to help the Welcoming Committee visit the newly-registered parishioners.
- Three attempts are made to contact newly-registered families. Some people don't want anyone to visit them, and others prefer to meet after Mass, at a coffee shop or in their homes. Each visit is usually about an hour long, but often is shorter if they meet after Mass.

Social Ministries Committee:

- Our Advent Giving Tree had an overwhelming response. Over 400 tags were taken off the tree the first week! Mary Lingberg will update the committee at their next meeting with the official number of ornaments taken from the tree.
- Advent Baby Shower items that were given will be taken to Marty, SD when the youth go there for their mission trip this summer.
- The Banquet: We have committed to another 6 months of serving The Banquet.
- Each subcommittee really takes ownership of their ministry.

Finance Committee:

- They have been working on budgets for the known major expenses for this next year. We know the cul-de-sac behind the school will cost approximately \$35,000, and needs to be completed in 2015. Katie Ave. will be completed in 2016 with an estimated cost of \$150,000. We have known expenses of \$371,000, with \$272,000 on hand. There is \$27,000 in the Building Fund, with \$20,000 of that being in a dedicated fund for stained

glass windows. The overall shortfall looks to be \$92,000 with hopes that an offertory increase from the Sharing Our Gifts Campaign can help cover that shortfall.

- Our current debt is \$4,247,000. We paid \$80,000 toward our debt last year. The estimated facility value is \$10 million.
- Tractor for snow removal/lawn mowing with attachments cost about \$15,000. This will help the ground crew immensely.

Faith Formation Committee:

- No meeting was held in December.
- The Parish Life Committee and Faith Formation Committee have merged together.
- Dr. Chris Burgwald will be here Saturday, January 31st speaking on the “Interaction of Public & Private Revelation.”
- On Saturday, February 7th Dr. Chris Burgwald will speak at our parish on “The Parish and the Diocese”.
- Alan Ames will be here on Tuesday, March 10th for a Mass & Healing Service starting at 6:30 p.m. with a Rosary.

Communications Committee:

- The new website has been updated, and now includes the Youth and Parish Council pages.
- Lloyd will visit with Jennifer in the Parish Office as to when we can transition over to the new site.
- Most of the members working on the website are very busy. Lloyd just needs help adding color to the new website. This website will be much easier to maintain than the old website.

Liturgy/Art/Environment Committee:

- No meeting was held in December.
- The church was decorated for Christmas with “un-decorating” scheduled for Sunday, January 11th.
- Stained Glass Windows update: Sixty-six people responded to our Stained Glass Windows Saints Survey with agreement on the proposed saints for the first 5 windows. Only 3 responses disagreed with the choices for the saints to be depicted, with a handful of respondents expressing that they neither agreed nor disagreed with the choices. Some additional saints who have been suggested include: The Blessed Mother, St. John Paul II, Blessed Mother Teresa, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and possibly a Divine Mercy

window in the confessional. We are waiting to hear back from the artist as to what the next step is and what the fees will be for drawing up the windows.

Building & Grounds Committee:

- Attic & wall insulation is complete in the new addition.
- Gutters have been installed, and we are waiting on downspouts.
- Exterior caulking is complete.
- The interior framing is 95% complete.
- Door frames have been installed.
- HVAC work is ongoing.
- Electrical & fire sprinkler installation will begin soon.

Parish Activities Committee: No report

Youth: No report

Stewardship Committee: No report

Open discussion:

- Fr. Tschakert is looking for feedback on the CD that was handed out for Christmas.
- We will offer Fr. Robert Barron's series "Priest, Prophet, & King" for Lent. Fr. Tschakert will write questions for discussion after viewing the video. We will offer several different times during the week to attend. Several families have small children and by offering different times, it will hopefully allow parents to attend sessions at a convenient time.
- Fr. Tschakert is looking for ideas on how to encourage people who don't attend Mass on a regular basis or who are fallen-away Catholics to come home again. A couple possible ideas include a mass mailing to all households within our parish boundaries, or run a radio/TV ad during Lent. Staff will check into how we did the mass mailings when we started the parish.

Closed with prayer

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

Respectfully submitted: Tonia Honner (1-2-15)