

## **Parish Council Meeting**

**Thursday, March 5, 2015**

**Next meeting is Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room**

Note: We'll meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of April because the first Thursday is Holy Thursday.

**Members present:** Diane Nekvinda (Welcoming), Steve Kary (Finance), Jan Feterl (Social Ministries), Darwin Wolf (Liturgy/Art/Environment), Joe French (Building/Grounds), Carol Deering (Communications), Micah Mauney (Stewardship), Mary Jo Gallagher (Youth), Laurie Christensen (Parish Activities), Fr. Tschakert, Tonia Honner

### **Opened With Prayer**

### **New Building Addition:**

- Conference Room: Tile or carpet on the floor? The cost to carpet the room would be \$500 more than tiling the room. After discussion, the Council voted for carpet as the upkeep on waxing and striping the tile would be labor-intensive and not practical to keeping the room looking nice.
  - Projector or TV? Joe French investigated the cost for a projector to be installed similar to the one in the Youth Room vs. and 80-inch flat screen TV. The projector could be installed with transmitter and receiver for \$3,100. An 80-inch TV would be \$3,000 before installation, hardware not included. Discussion about cost of bulbs for projector was brought up by a couple members. We choose to defer discussion till more information can be obtained.
- Hallway bench and shelves: Joe's original bid only included for one side of the hall to have benches, hooks, and shelves. He did the prep work to both sides of the hall to allow for the structure of benches, shelves, and hooks. The additional cost would be \$3,000. We decided that one side of the hallway would be enough to accommodate 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. We can always install benches, shelves and hooks on the other side at a later date if needed.

### **Building & Grounds Committee:**

- Sheetrock is all up with taping and texturing currently being done. Painting volunteers are scheduled for Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Everything is going along smoothly.

### **Liturgy/Art/Environment Committee:**

- Stained glass windows: We are \$400 short of what we need for design and installation of the first 3 windows as costs have gone up again. Each sketch for a window is \$100. An additional \$1,300 is needed to cover the current shortage and the artwork for the remaining 9 windows. The Council voted to go ahead and get sketches drawn up to present to the parish in the hopes that people will decide to add money to the Stained Glass Windows Fund once they see the designs.
- Tonia will forward the Liturgy Committee minutes to members to be clear on what saints will be depicted in the windows. Windows on the east side of the nave will depict

St. Joseph, St. Michael, Christ the King, St. Peter, and St. Paul. The windows on the west side of the Nave will depict St. John Paul II, Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and St. Francis of Assisi.

- Gathering Space: Design and cabinets are now in the right hands to assist in making this area more streamlined and cleaner looking. We have an individual who can make benches and a stage that folds up into a bench. Redesigning the library and possibly moving the Food Pantry are also being looked at. Historical pictures and books will have their own area along with a sofa. In 4-6 weeks, we will have a design and color theme.

#### **Faith Formation Committee:**

- No representative present, so no report.

#### **Welcoming Committee:**

- Contacting new parishioners: They are going to start offering different options to meet the new families along with a Welcoming Committee table at the end of the month in the Gathering Space using the door from the Stewardship Fair.
- Diane welcomed rest of Parish Council members to join them at the table in the Gathering Space at the end of the month.

#### **Communications Committee:**

- Parish survey to go out after March 16<sup>th</sup> with the questions from each committee. If you haven't submitted new questions please do so to Carol by Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Newsletter went out with the intent to resend a copy to those who didn't open their copy in 2 weeks.
- Lloyd is working on new website with hopes to release soon.

#### **Finance Committee:**

- They are exploring the possibility of sending out semi-annual statements so parishioners would know how much they have given every 6 months. This would give parishioners an opportunity to adjust our personal giving midway through the year.
- Anne will work with Joe French to get some firm numbers as to where we are with the budget on the new building addition. Last year's Turkey Bingo funds were designated for furnishings for the interior.
- The Budget Subcommittee is made up of Tim Loftesness, Bill VanDenHemel, Jeff Ellefson, Jeremy Sorenson, and Anne Williams, Parish Finance Director.
- The Finance Committee will be looking for a new leader as Tim's term is set to expire soon.

#### **Stewardship Committee:**

- CFSA: So far, \$64,000 has been pledged. Our parish goal is \$84,000. The Stewardship Committee will help make calls on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to any parishioner who has not turned in his/her pledge card. Calls will be made from 5-7 p.m. and then they will go out

to eat after calls are done. Any other parishioners who want to help make calls should contact Anne in the Parish Office.

- They will be handing out “The Heart That Gives: Seven Traits of Joyful Stewardship” on Palm Sunday.
- 125<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Event will be Friday-Sunday, August 14-16th. There will be lots of great speakers for keynotes and breakout sessions and Matt Maher will give a private concert to event goers. Jan has lined up 2 buses to go to Marty, SD on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great way for parish families to show support to a location which is so closely associated with St. Katharine Drexel. The Diocese wants people to be renewed and reenergized about their faith when they finish with the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration. This weekend will help us all realize we can give more of our time, talents and treasure.

#### **Social Ministries Committee:**

- In-home Ministry: Gloria could use more volunteers to help take people to appointments and the committee would like to expand this ministry to picking those up who need a ride to Mass.
- Food Pantry usage was down in February. Possible reasons are the opening of the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House and people receiving tax returns. The Food Pantry Subcommittee met and is looking into options to partner with Feeding SD, but we don't want to have to ID people who use our Food Pantry or have them disclose financial paperwork.
- The Banquet: We will continue to serve the downtown location once a month for breakfast, and The Banquet West (WH Lyons Fairgrounds) location twice a year.

#### **Parish Activities:**

- Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have an Easter egg hunt outside if weather is good, and inside if the weather is bad. This will coincide with the Youth Pancake Breakfast.
- Laurie is working with Megan Ringling on t-shirts. She wanted to clarify the design would not be changing our logo that currently exists. We suggested maybe changing the font in the t-shirt design and still keeping the theme Megan had. Laurie will share her findings with us.

#### **Youth:**

- Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the MPR
- Discipleship Day on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: 19 of 22 Y-Disciple leaders will be attending.
- Mission Trip: Four people are on a waiting list. They are looking for donations of household items for Marty. Mary Jo will put up wish lists of new and gently-used items.
- Trip to Steubenville North is full

#### **Open Discussion:**

- Nothing brought to our attention.

**Closing:**

- Closed with prayer.

**Respectfully submitted: Tonia Honner (3-6-15)**