

**Parish Council Meeting
Monday, October 17, 2016**

Members present: Jessie DeGiorgio (Liturgy/Art/Environment), Jan Feterl (Social Ministries), Sandra Meyers (Parish Activities), Diane Nekvinda (Welcoming), Melanie Eitreim (Stewardship), Brian Berg (Building & Grounds), Fr. Tschakert, Tonia Honner

Opened with prayer

Committee Reports

Liturgy/Art/Environment:

- No meeting was held in September. Jessie reached out to Darryl on the stained glass windows estimated arrival date. No date is set; we will be called when everything is ready to be installed. Jessie reached out to Darwin on the Gathering Space completion; he noted that John's crew had not started on the benches for the Gathering Space. The table for outside the Parish Office is started, but not complete. Tonia informed the Parish Council that an email was sent to Anne on the status of the fourth table for the Gathering Space. The table is on backorder until December.
- The Sanctuary was decorated for fall. Fr. Tschakert made the basket filled with dried flowers and an additional vase of dried flowers for the Gathering Space.
- Fr. Tschakert would like to catch the Eucharistic Ministers who missed training last year and get them installed with the Diocese. Installation is good for 3 years.

Building & Grounds:

- The crew changed 14 bulbs that were out and most were the old bulbs. It seems like the new bulb is working better.
- The HVAC system has been working in the new addition and a trench was dug behind the school to funnel water away to the drainage system. This fix cost under \$6,000.
- The dimmer panel in the Nave was fixed after having two separate issues.
- Brian has talked to Cliff Avenue Greenhouse about tree placement for evergreens. He is looking into prices on Colorado Blue Spruces. The elm trees will have to be addressed next spring.

Faith Formation:

- Fr. Tschakert reported that there are 3 different groups meeting to discuss "Luke: The Gospel of Mercy."
- RCIA is underway with a nice group of interested parishioners. St. Michael Parish has had low turnout and may join us this year.
- On Saturday, November 5th at 9:30 a.m. Fr. Tschakert will have a discussion on "The Joy of Love," an encyclical by Pope Francis. The SF Catholic School system is using this during their meetings with staff throughout the year.
- Our Religious Education Program is off to a good start. Almost every classroom has 2 teachers. We have 58 First Holy Communion students. With Annamarie's leaving, Fr.

Tschakert has taken the 9th grade class for the time being, and he has very capable adults in the room assisting with small groups.

Welcoming:

- They are meeting on Monday, October 24th, and are looking at the weekend of November 5th & 6th as a Welcoming Committee Booth weekend.
- Diane asked if the PAC needs the Welcoming Committee to help greet guests at Turkey Bingo. Sandra will follow-up with Jessica.

Communications:

- E-Newsletter went out in September.

Finance:

- Income was short about \$6,000 in September, but October is looking to be back on track.
- Pat Kappel did a nice job of presenting at Mass about “Sharing Our Gifts.” We had 105 cards turned in on the first weekend.

Stewardship:

- Melanie attended a Stewardship Conference in New Orleans. She heard a good speaker and found information for Fr. Tschakert to look into. She found affirmation in a lot of things that we are already doing. We found out Millennial Generation feel as though we are not listening to them. We don’t seem to take action with their suggestions and we should give them permission to act on their suggestions. Personal asks are the best way to get people to volunteer.

Social Ministries:

- Msg. Mangan spoke at the last meeting on “The Year of Mercy” and his appointment by the Pope.
- Several parishioners attended the St. Francis House annual fundraiser.
- Some members helped with the “Veteran Stand Down” annual awareness program.
- Bishop Dudley Hospitality House check-in needs a few more volunteers.
- We will have a collection for the Marty Mission in a couple weeks to end our Year of Mercy.
- Right-to-Life baby shower will bring an end to our Spiritual Adoption Program for this year.
- Our Food Pantry had a record month with 279 bags of diapers and 111 bags of groceries handed out.
- St. Vincent dePaul is pleased to announce the start-up of Christ the King Parish’s Council soon.
- Mary Lingberg is working on getting information on agencies we can help with the Advent Giving Tree.

Parish Activities:

- Trunk-or-Treat is Saturday, October 29th after Mass. We are still in need of volunteers. Fr. Tschakert will ask the youth on Wednesday night at Religious Ed. Emails have been sent to youth who may be in need of service hours. Bev will make the BBQ and other food was donated by Hy-Vee. PAC members will take care of decorating and setting up games and serving food. Youth will help with games and cake walk.
- Turkey Bingo is Sunday, November 13th. PAC will help with set up, Youth will help serve food in the kitchen and help in the kids' room. Committee members are helping get silent auction items assembled and raffle tickets sold.

Youth:

- Fr. Tschakert reported that Annamarie has taken another job.
- We currently have 8-10 Y-Disciple groups going with another group of 7th grade girls to start soon.
- Youth group has been very poorly attended over the last few months.
- Fr. Tschakert is going to meet with the Youth Council on Sunday, October 23rd and with Y-Disciple leaders on Tuesday, November 1st.

Open Discussion:

- Father asked if the Parish Council members would host a social after Mass on Wednesday, November 23rd in the evening. This has traditionally been an ecumenical service with Good News Reformed and St. Michael Parish. He asked Jan if she would coordinate getting cookies, bars and coffee to be served later. The parish will provide loaves of bread for those who attend.
- Announcements after Mass have been really excessive and we discussed not asking Fr. Tschakert to announce every event going on. Use of the TV in the Gathering Space, e-mails, and the bulletin are sufficient.
- Pastor's schedule: Fr. Tschakert discussed the weekly schedule of events and being asked about taking on one more thing. He has to say no to things because he simply can't do everything well. Some days he has 3 Masses on top of other duties. He discussed the option of eliminating the 1st Saturday Mass as not many people attend it. Most people have no idea how many different things he is asked to do in a day. People have asked why he doesn't take time off; simply there are not enough priests to cover all the Masses in the Diocese as it is. Most of the retired priests are already filling in every weekend somewhere in the Diocese.

Next meeting is Monday, November 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

Closing: Prayer

Respectfully submitted: Tonia Honner 10-18-16