

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Parish Council Meeting
April 29, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Michelle Oberholtzer, Daryl Braun, Troy Weis, AnneMarie Jankowski, Maureen Redmer, Millie McCormick, Greg Desecki, Sandra Cruz, Mary Ferrini, Kathleen Dobbler and Lois Maywald. One guest, Pat Pease, was also present.

Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:30, followed by the opening prayer led by Fr. Jim. Motion was made by Daryl to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Troy seconded and the minutes were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: Fr. Jim talked to Principal Eric Gallagher about the deficit in the Angel Fund. Eric said it is going to be up to the school to bring it in line. Daryl said Eric will be at the next Finance meeting to discuss it. Several suggestions were made on how to get this money. The goal is to get it settled before the next school year.

FR. JIM: By September 14, we should have a cluster plan in place. Our cluster includes St. Francis de Sales, St. Benedict in Fontana and St. Catherine's in Sharon. There will be a change in the priest in St. Benedict as Fr. Nowicki has been working there and they will have a priest assigned soon. Fr. Jim said we need to reach out to the Parish Councils to do something together in the summer. He has a set of options for the clusters to think about. We will have a dialogue with the other parishes in the very near future.

Michelle has a package about the clustering on the computer which she will forward to Council members. She said she will call the other churches and see when they can get together.

Fr. Jim said we might be getting a Hispanic deacon to help out on the weekends.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michelle talked to Phil Bona of Bona's Italian Kitchen about a fundraiser. During the entire month of May, he will donate 10% of any purchase back to St. Francis if the parishioner brings in a coupon. The coupons will be in the bulletin, on the website and available in the church.

Michelle also mentioned that we need to start thinking about discernment for next year. Michelle's term is up and we will need someone to take her place as Chairperson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FORMATION: AnneMarie provided copies of the meeting minutes. There were 230 students enrolled in the K-12 Religious Education Program (REP). Students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 22nd. Two Emmaus retreats are planned, a women's in English and a men's in Spanish. Bible group has completed its session. Catholic Daughters group will be developing an improved Server's Program,

hoping to include high school students and family participation. Other formation plans and events were listed.

HUMAN CONCERNS: Meeting minutes were provided by Maureen. Two ideas for more parish socialization were discussed: a potluck following Saturday mass and a birthday celebration. They approved a donation of \$200 to The Tree House. They are looking for ways to help inform and education the community about the scourge of pornography, child abuse and human trafficking. Maureen said she is stepping down as Human Concerns liaison due to a conflict with another meeting.

BINGO: Two people have stepped up to help. They still need more volunteers. It will be mentioned again in the bulletin.

PARISH LIFE: Michelle said Parish Life will be absorbed into Stewardship. They are working on the finishing touches for the Welcome packet. They would like to see a stronger retreat program. They will be working with the Prayer and Worship team.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY: Sandra said there was no meeting. They are trying to have a new member take over leadership.

FINANCE: Daryl provided the meeting minutes and the Finance Report. Total income was shown as \$1,057,175. Total expense was \$1,110,539. Daryl also said they are looking at medical insurance. It was recommended they look at Christian Brothers Insurance.

FALL FESTIVAL: Mary said they are going to do a more basic version of the festival: food, music and parishioners. It will be Friday, September 25th and Saturday, September 26th. The silent auction will be scaled down, with fewer items. They will again have the Fish Fry on Friday. Pat Pease said we should have the festival in the summer when the visitors are here. This is not an option for 2015 as weddings are already scheduled for those weekends. There was discussion about ticket prices and what hours to hold it. Troy motioned to keep ticket costs at \$20 each or six for \$100, and the prizes \$10,000 Grand Prize, \$3000 first prize, \$1000 second prize, and third prize \$500 and five prizes of \$100, but raise meal prices to \$12. Kathleen seconded the motion and it was passed. The decision was made to have the festival from 5:00 to 9:00 on Friday and from 6:15 to 9:00 on Saturday.

Millie said the cabinets are in for the defibrillators. She will see that they are put up.

Kathleen said she and Katie Ploch are working on a youth group for middle school students. It will run from June 10 through the summer. They are thinking of pot luck dinners with the parents for family structure and other activities. They are looking for a project for them to do some volunteering. John Baumgardner will help with it.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Maywald
Secretary