

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**May 27, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Jim Schuerman, Michelle Oberholtzer, Troy Weis, AnneMarie Janikowski, Maureen Redmer, Daniel von Rabenau, Millie McCormick, Martha Cucco, Kathleen Dobbler and Lois Maywald.

Due to other commitments, some members were late in arriving. Therefore, a pre-meeting discussion was begun at 6:35. Michelle asked if anyone had any questions about the e-mail she sent out. She mentioned that we need to keep working on stewardship. She also mentioned that the clustering will change how things are done at St. Francis. It is important to get members from the other parishes to participate in our activities.

Millie asked if the Synod questionnaire would be filled out together with the other parishes or by us. Michelle said she believed we are on our own with that. She said it will be done at the council level with Father Jim's approval.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50. Millie made a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting. Troy seconded and the minutes were accepted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Millie said they had a discussion with Michael Deane and Fr. Jim and they are planning to have a program for fallen-away Catholics. Michelle asked if they could help Father schedule the radio announcements for Lent and Advent.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** Michelle had a report from Mary Ferrini, who said that the tickets are printed and are available in the library. Rita Popelka has offered to help with the festival. There will be a meeting in the Parish Center on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 for all people who are interested or have any ideas for the festival. Mary also said she and Leo looked at the kitchen to see what was needed. Millie asked if the Knights of Columbus would be involved in that decision since they use the kitchen. The Knights of Columbus will be renewing the license for the kitchen. They get fined if things are not done properly.

**BINGO:** We have received notice from Marcie Fain that she is no longer working on Bingo. Michelle asked if there was a possibility that the Knights of Columbus would take over running Bingo. Millie said she would ask Bob McCormick to bring it up at their next meeting. Troy said no paperwork has been submitted at this time.

**SCHOOL ADVISORY:** Dan said the school is extremely busy with the end of the school year. They just took the Iowa tests and the scores were average. Principal Gallagher will begin the MAPS program. They had a successful play. They will purchase Chrome books for junior high and the teachers will receive iPods next year. Dan mentioned a thank you to James and Kelly Greenberg for their help with events. Michelle asked about parent volunteer participation. Dan said some committee members are

for it and some are against. He said there will be a lot of changes next year, especially as it refers to finances.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Martha said they will launch their program on June 13 and 14. They will be doing a welcome packet for all families in the parish. Someone will speak at all masses and welcome all new parishioners. On-line giving has not caught on yet. The sound system has not been working. Mike Deane is in the process of getting bids on a new system. Daniel said he was interested in seeing the bids. They are planning a volunteer appreciation event in the fall.

**DISCERNMENT:** Mary Ferrini said in her note that she would like to nominate Sandra Cruz for vice chairperson and Troy Weis for chairperson of the Pastoral Council. Troy accepted and AnneMarie seconded the nomination. Troy nominated Daniel von Rabenau as vice chairperson. Kathleen Dobbler said she would take the Human Concerns liaison in Maureen's place. Maureen will stay on the council as an alternate. The vote on vice chairperson was postponed until the June meeting.

**FATHER JIM:** Fr. Jim said we must make contact with Fontana and Sharon fairly soon because we are to write a proposal as to how we want to cooperate in the future. The plans should be in by September 14<sup>th</sup>. The priests and parish council chair from each parish should get together during the summer. Father said he might contact Gary Nowicki in the next week or two. Fr. Nowicki will leave on July 1 and a new priest will take over. A Hispanic deacon, Alvaro Dominguez, will be coming to St. Francis and will attend at least one Spanish mass each month. John Baumgartner will be coming on June 26<sup>th</sup> for six weeks.

Kathleen said they are looking for ways to reach out to the middle school students for the summer school ministry. They will meet every Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 through the summer.

Millie reminded us that the council is signed up to do hospitality on September 6<sup>th</sup>. AnneMarie said the rummage sale will be held July 23 through 25. She will be accepting donations at select hours. They will again have a bake sale.

Michelle thanked everyone and said it was a pleasure working with them.

Fr. Jim led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald  
Secretary