

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Parish Council Meeting
February 25, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Troy Weis, Daryl Braun, Lois Maywald, Millie McCormick, AnneMarie Janikowski, Maureen Redmer, Martha Cucco, Sandra Cruz, Greg Desecki and Kathleen Dobbler.

Troy called the meeting to order at 6:35. There were two additions or corrections to the minutes. Millie made a motion to accept the minutes and Daryl seconded. The minutes were accepted.

There was no New Business.

FATHER JIM'S REPORT: Saturday, February 28th, is the Synod Implementation Meeting for District 3 and we have representatives from the Parish who will be going to that meeting. The District Meeting for the Assembly of Parishes is on March 10th. Normally, the Pastor and Parish Council Chair go to that. It will be at St. Pat's in Elkhorn. The Priest District Meeting for District 3 will also be at St. Pat's in Elkhorn on March 20th. Holy Week is not too far away. The Soup Supper for Council is March 6th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no meetings of Prayer and Worship Committee and Christian Formation.

School Advisory: They just had the teacher and parent conferences. Casino Night is March 21st at Geneva National. They are working towards Chrome Books for the 6th, 7th and 8th Grades. Casino is the fundraiser to get these for next year.

Human Concerns: Maureen said Tuesday, February 24th, was the last meal to serve this year at the Men's Shelter. They are sending \$2,500 to the Lake Geneva Food Pantry for Easter. Their Soup Supper is Friday, March 13th. They will be donating \$100 towards the defibrillators for the church.

Stewardship: Martha said the final census mailing of about 700 pieces went out and they are coming back now. The due date was March 1st. Judi has been updating the data base as they come in. The directories are almost all distributed. Daryl discovered that the photos of the parishioners can be uploaded into our data base. Martha talked about our new web site. It is up and running with daily updates.

Daryl has been looking into on line giving. They have chosen a service called Vanco because they are very big, doing about 15,000 churches, and this is the preferred provider for our parish data system that Judi maintains on giving. School and church donations will be kept separate. Donors will be able to choose what fund they are donating to. Danco charges 2.75% of the donation plus \$.45 per transaction. The site will be password protected.

Martha mentioned that they are trying to do the Volunteer Spotlight on an irregular basis so people will not expect it. Colleen Goethal is working on the New Parishioner Welcome Packet. Barb Vite is coming

next Wednesday for the Stewardship meeting. Martha has also been doing some research on cemeteries and she realized that we celebrated our 150th anniversary of the church in 1992, which means our 175th will be in 2017 – just two years from now, so it's something to start thinking about.

Hispanic Ministry: Sandra wants to invite one or two people to come to our meeting. She said one gentleman has a ministry of the Legion of Mary, and he would like it up on the website. It would be in English for now, and then translated into Spanish in the future. They are again doing the Passion live, probably on Good Friday.

Finance: Daryl said there was no meeting. They are working on the early stages of the budgeting process. It has to be turned into the Archdiocese by May 1st.

Millie said they have raised \$4205 so far for the defibrillators. The Fire Department quoted \$3001.40 for two. Father Jim mentioned that a parishioner said he would buy another one for the school if we raise enough money for two for the church. She was given permission to go ahead and order three. There is a charge for training, but no charge for updating. Training includes CPR. Millie will meet with the captain to find out how much the training will cost.

Millie talked to Judi to set a date for Hospitality Sunday for the Council. It will be on September 6th.

Sandra said the Hispanic Ministry is trying to get a date for a Soup Supper. She also asked if they need help for Bingo. Troy said it is coming to the point that they may have to cancel Bingo because of lack of volunteers. Sandra also asked about having a Spanish page in the bulletin. She is going to start translating part of it.

Lois asked Sandra about having an English as a Second Language class here at St. Francis. Sandra said she has been working on it.

Fr. Jim said the Installation was beautiful. The Liturgy was very moving. He said the Archbishop did a wonderful job preaching. The event afterwards was unbelievable. He thanked everyone involved.

The meeting closed at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Secretary