

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Parish Council Meeting
October 28, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Sandra Cruz, Daryl Braun, Tom Murray, AnneMarie Janikowski, Kathleen Dobbler, Millie McCormick, Martha Cucco, Greg Desecki and Lois Maywald. Also present were Bob McCormick, Bill Meyerhofer and Paul Swatek from Knights of Columbus and Daniel Maus. The meeting was called to order by Sandra Cruz at 6:30. Kathleen Dobbler led the opening prayer.

There was discussion regarding upgrading the kitchen and whether or not we want to add fryers so we can have fish fries. Bob mentioned that the KC's could not do their breakfasts on a smaller stove. There is no room to move the stove to make room for fryers. We were reminded that it takes several hours to clean the fryers after they are used. We asked them to submit a list of things the KC's would like improved so they can be added to the renovation list.

Millie McCormick made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting. Martha Cucco seconded and the minutes were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

FATHER JIM presented the schedule of Pilgrimage Hours for St. Francis as the Holy Door for the Year of Mercy, from December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016. December 13 will be the dedication of the Holy Door. We will have information about our parish on the doors. Sandra suggested that Fr. Jim speak about this after all masses. April 3rd, the Sunday after Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. We are thinking of doing something together with our cluster parishes. Father said his article in the bulletin on October 18th concerned revising the renovation project. In 2017, we will be celebrating our 175th Anniversary. We would like the renovation done by that time. The sound system will be replaced very soon. We have hired a consultant firm to do a feasibility study.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL UPDATE: Daniel Maus spoke about the number of students at Catholic Central from St. Francis. He talked about upcoming events at the school.

FALL FESTIVAL went very well. All bills are not yet in. Mary Ferrini is planning to put the final figures in the bulletin.

DISTRICT MEETING: AnneMarie Janikowski said she and Sandra attended the meeting of representatives from parish councils and pastors. They talked about ways to evangelize and passed out information on things we can do and a list of District 3 clusters.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETING/CLUSTERING: We may have our meeting earlier so we can have a joint meeting with the cluster. We thought about having our meeting prior to the joint meeting on the same night. Several ideas were proposed to bring the cluster churches together. Among them were to collaborate on the service for Divine Mercy Sunday, have combined parties for the youth, a combined concert and combined choirs, involve them in the opening ceremony for the Holy Door, and a letter from Catholic Daughters in their bulletin inviting the women to join.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Formation: AnneMarie said the blessing of the animals went well.

Youth Ministry had their first meeting with Katie. They are planning a family mass.

Human Concerns: The pie auction earned \$997. Kathleen said there will be boxes for the blanket and coat collection. She said homeless people also need socks. An offer was made to cover expenses for a free meal around Thanksgiving, but it was decided it was too short notice to do it for this year.

Prayer and Worship: Millie said they are working on a Visitor's Guide to St. Francis to be placed in the pews near the books.

Parish Life: We still have no liaison for this position.

Hispanic Community: Sandra presented the minutes of the October 27th meeting provided by Maria Guadalupe Duran. They are planning a celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe and they would like to have an all night vigil. They discussed the upcoming posadas to be held in December, which will be at St. Francis. They would like to see us all attend.

Stewardship: The Volunteer Appreciation Cruise was a success. Eighty-five people attended at a cost to the parish of \$404. There was a letter from Fr. Jim in the bulletin about the proposed restoration. The consultant firm of Walsh and Associates are conducting interviews. Nick Vorpapel is creating an e-mail newsletter to keep everyone informed. The feasibility study should be completed by December. That will tell us what realistically we can raise. The Capital Campaign will run from January through August, 2016. They would like more people on the renovation committee. They are revamping the New Parishioner welcome. The parishioners will get a welcome card in the mail and can pick up their welcome packet. There will be a Stewardship Seminar on November 17 given by Barbara Vite from the Archdiocese. The Faith with a Face volunteer recognition is going well. On Line Giving is increasing. They are trying to get people used to doing it.

Finance Council: Daryl said the figures for October through the 25th are looking better. There was a long discussion on School Choice. There is a \$500 deposit to be submitted to start the process to accept our school. They need to have another meeting with Eric Gallagher to make sure he is in agreement with having this. The target date is January 10th. We also want to gauge the interest the parishioners would have for this program. It was thought that, pending Eric's approval, we should go ahead and put down the \$500 deposit. We will also talk to people from other schools that have School Choice to see how they are managing with it. Daryl also said he will put an article in the bulletin about the Angel Fund explaining how things are done.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Maywald
Secretary