

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Parish Council Meeting
December 2, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Daryl Braun, Troy Weis, Sandra Cruz, AnneMarie Janikowski, Kathleen Dobbler, Daniel von Rabenau, Millie McCormick, Greg Desecki, Maureen Redmer and Lois Maywald. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Troy Weis. Millie McCormick led the opening prayer.

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the October meeting by Millie. It was seconded by Greg Desecki and the minutes were accepted.

FR. JIM: Sunday, December 13, will be the blessing of the door for the Year of Mercy. Fr. Jim said he made a radio advertisement to invite people to the church. Mike Garcia will be back to give the results of the Renovation survey to Parish leadership on Monday, December 7th.

NEW BUSINESS: Martha Cucco spoke to the Archdiocese and learned that Parish Life falls under Stewardship. Maureen Redmer will help Martha with this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Formation Committee: AnneMarie said December 15 is their next meeting. The high school students making confirmation had a retreat that was a big success. Fifteen teens have already signed up for the next mission trip. The current Bible Study class on Wednesday mornings will end soon. The winter class starting in January will be doing Genesis.

Human Concerns: Kathleen Dobbler reported that the Pie Auction and BBQ Supper earned \$1050. The Emergency Shelter meal served 20 people. Carole Nevin made the posters for the Salvation Army Kettle fundraiser. The first family mass was on All Saints Day. Another one is planned this month. Katie Ploch is planning an over-night girls' retreat.

School Advisory: Daniel von Rabenau said everything is stable and progressing toward Christmas. They moved the laptops into the computer lab. The school is going to continue with having their musical. The next one will be the Wizard of Oz. Their Christmas concert is December 10th. They will have a float in Lake Geneva's Christmas parade.

Prayer and Worship: Millie mentioned that St. Ben's has asked St. Francis' Knights of Columbus to help get theirs started. Michael Deane asked her to mention that greeters are needed at 5:15 and 9:00 masses. Millie also questioned why the minutes of Council meetings are no longer on the website. She sent an article about the Year of Mercy door to the newspapers.

Hispanic Community: Sandra Cruz reported that this was Maria Guadalupe Duran's last day of school. The Hispanic Community will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. There will be an all night vigil. They will also have posadas preceding Christmas. They will be held at St. Francis for the nine days before Christmas.

Stewardship: Martha Cucco provided a report to the members. Daryl Braun asked if they could put on-line giving posters up in the church during the holiday season. He was told this was permissible.

Finance Council: Daryl said he had no meeting minutes. He reported on expenses for the year and said that the Envelope and Offertory giving are approximately \$8,000 over the prior year but about \$4000 under budget. Also, expenses were \$5,900 over the prior year but \$5919 under budget. Daryl said the Archdiocese recently audited our books. They came up with some recommendations and requested a plan due by December 31, 2015 on how we will implement these recommendations.

ROUNDTABLE:

AnneMarie mentioned that special classes are being held now for the Spanish students that have not had First Communion. They are studying reconciliation now and will study First Communion in January.

Millie asked if we will get a detailed list of what was earned during the Fall Festival, such as the Fish Fry, etc.

Kathleen said they are planning a clustering event for Divine Mercy Sunday. They are using the St. Francis middle school youth ministry and want to reach out to the school students of the other parishes.

Greg asked if we paid the \$500 deposit on School Choice. Daryl said they are not planning to start School Choice for the fall, 2016 class. If we pay the \$500 now, he is not sure if we can hold it for the fall of 2017 class. Fr. Jim and some other parishioners went to a seminar about School Choice. Many of their questions were answered. There will be many meetings before the decision is made.

The meeting closed at 5:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Secretary

Next meeting: January 27, 2016

Prayers: AnneMarie Janikowski