

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting
January 25, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Troy Weis, Daryl Braun, Tom Murray, Sandra Cruz, Kathleen Dobbler, Daniel von Rabenau, Millie McCormick, Martha Cucco, Greg Desecki, Maureen Redmer and Lois Maywald. Troy called the meeting to order at 6:30. Opening prayer was led by Sandra Cruz.

Sandra made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Martha and the minutes were accepted as printed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fr. Jim has been named Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee. He told us about the events of the day since the announcement in Rome. He said his date of ordination would be in about 6 to 8 weeks. He will stay on at St. Francis de Sales until June.

175th Anniversary: We discussed the food choices and Troy told us what got the most votes from the Council members. The entrée with the most votes was the prime rib of beef. We chose the pork rack as the second choice with the mushroom ravioli as the vegetarian meal. Troy made a motion to charge no more than \$65 per person. Dan seconded the motion and it passed.

Multi Parish Ministry Institute: There will be three sessions: March 14, April 18 and June 6th. Council members volunteered to attend.

Parish Council Congress: No one seemed interested in going. Troy said he has more information if anyone decides to go.

Everyday Stewardship Presentation: Maureen, Martha, Sandra, Judi Weeks and Fr. Jim will attend this meeting.

Parish Council Hospitality – February 19th: Troy will send out an e-mail to remind us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Formation: Maureen said they are doing another book study on “Forming Intentional Disciples.” They will meet on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. and Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

Human Concerns: Kathleen said they had a short meeting at Chapel on the Hill on December 27th. She discussed the foods purchased and served at the Shelter meals.

School Advisory: Dan said they are finishing their math tests. Next week is Catholic Schools Week. He said the girls’ basketball A team is undefeated. There have been many comments from the parents about School Choice concerns. It was suggested that they have a meeting to discuss these concerns. Fr. Jim said they will set a date for the forum at the School Advisory meeting on Monday, December 30th.

We suggested that they have the meeting by March 1st. They will invite Dave Wieters and Jackie from Catholic Central High School to participate in the meeting.

Dan also mentioned that he was asked to find out how the Council can help Casino Night. Sandra will talk to the Hispanic community to see what they can do. Suggestions were donations of baskets, services, front row seats for Easter, tickets to the anniversary dinner. Tickets to the Casino Night are \$75 per person.

Prayer and Worship: Millie said the only thing they worked on was to make sure everyone was aware of the move to the Parish Center for Masses.

Hispanic Community: Sandra said the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe was a success.

Stewardship: Martha mentioned the Christmas postcards sent out to the families. The Generous Hearts program to increase the offertory involved three mailings to parishioners. It was pretty successful and increased the annual donations by \$45,000. Martha said she appreciated all the help on the Reverse Raffle. It had a profit of \$8000.

Parish Life: Martha doesn't think we will have a Chili Cookoff. They wanted to combine it with St. Ben's but they have not gotten an answer from them. Marianne Weber is working on the Irish Fest. Martha said 47 people turned out to move everything into the Parish Center on December 26th. Having services there is working out very well. The renovation is going along well. They are pretty much on schedule. The committee is taking many pictures including pictures taken before the renovation began.

Finance Committee: Bill Rorig has resigned and Bill Ring is taking his place until October. School Choice has been increased from three students to six. The study will cost between \$12,000-14,000.

The meeting was adjourned after Round Table.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Secretary