

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Pastoral Council Meeting
April 27, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Daryl Braun, Troy Weis, Sandra Cruz, Millie McCormick, Martha Cucco, Greg Desecki, Maureen Redmer and Lois Maywald. Also present was Richard Kelman representing Knights of Columbus. The meeting was called to order by Troy Weis at 6:35. Opening prayer was led by Millie McCormick.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no meeting in March due to Holy Week. Daryl made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting. Sandra seconded and the motion passed.

Father Jim said First Communion is this weekend. There will be three additional masses. He said he is the Dean of the Walworth Deanery and his turn ends in June. He passed out books called "A Vision for the Future: Evangelization and the Sunday Mass." He asked that we spend 10-15 minutes at next months' meeting on what we have read. Fr. Jim reminded us about the Leadership Gathering to be held on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Cousins Center.

Troy introduced guest speaker Richard Kelman, who spoke about the **Wisconsin Farm Technology Days** to be held in Walworth County on July 19-21, 2016. He said the Knights of Columbus have joined with the Knights in Elkhorn to participate in this event and volunteers are needed. Volunteering organizations receive part of the proceeds of food sales. Funds earned will go toward the church remodeling. Training will be in June for people working in Food Prep.

Troy mentioned that **terms for three council members are ending** – Dan von Rabenau, Millie McCormick and Sandra Cruz. He said all three will continue in their positions for another term. Next year, terms for Troy and Maureen Redmer will end.

One Million Volunteer Hours: Millie thanked Laura Zappitelli for the chalice sign and Ellen von Rabenau for the logo. She said people are getting the idea of what volunteering is about. A suggestion was made that two or three ministries could have an open house so people can see what they do. Martha said some parishes had a "Try It for Free" -- no obligation for their first meeting. Lois talked about doing the hours for council. Everyone said she should go ahead and figure them out for the beginning of 2016.

Parish Festival: Troy will ask Mary Ferrini if she will continue working on this. We will need to start discussing what we are going to do. Fr. Jim suggested that we have just a one day affair since we are going to have so much for the anniversary. He thought it should be on Sunday. We should have a decision by next month.

Anniversary Celebration: Martha said Tom Murray will write an historical book. The book may be given out as door prizes or sold. She also contacted "At the Lake" magazine to consider having an article on St. Francis de Sales next summer. Several venues were suggested for the event. Four were chosen to look into and members offered to call these places for estimates on cost. Council members agreed that

it would be nice to have it catered so everyone can enjoy it. Daryl suggested that people who donate to the renovation get a free ticket or a discount. Sunday was suggested as the best day. It will be in August and we estimated around 300 people.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Human Concerns: The minutes of the April meeting were in the packets. It showed a balance of \$3989. The Easter offering to the Lake Geneva Food Pantry was \$2500. They will have three Second Collections this summer. They are trying to attract new members. The Hospitality schedule for the year was listed.

School Advisory: Troy said the school play is being rehearsed now. The performances are next week at Catholic Central High School. MAP testing is going on now. ITBS was done two weeks ago. Casino Night was a couple of weeks ago and was a great success. Outdoor Ed had an event at Celebrations. There is a teacher position open for the 2016-2017 school year.

Prayer and Worship: Millie said they have a new meeting schedule. They will be meeting quarterly, starting in May, then September and November. They are working on getting more greeters, readers, Eucharistic Ministers and servers. They are thinking about sending out written invitations to ask people to volunteer.

Hispanic Community: Sandra said this month will be the men's Emmaus Spanish retreat. May 14th will be a Pentecost vigil. They want to help with the renovation and they are thinking of having a little fair around July 17.

Stewardship: Martha said six people from St. Francis attended the "Beyond Donut Sunday" meeting. They got a lot of good information. She said they have been talking about having the office open on Sundays. Two people, Carole Nevin and Denise Mancini, have volunteered. Martha said they plan to have the office open three Sundays a month, except when blood pressures are being taken. She hopes to get one more volunteer so they can rotate. Maureen said she will help with this on blood pressure Sunday. Faith with a Face is continuing. Three weeks ago, they held a Technology Sunday. People came in to renew their e-mail address or set it up. There will be another Volunteer Recognition in the fall, probably another boat trip. They are also organizing a picnic for John Baumgartner on August 21st. They will put together a photo book for him as a going away gift. Two thousand postcards were sent out for Easter. January 24, 2017 is the feast of St. Francis de Sales.

Renovation: There are eighteen people on the committee. They are working on a design. Martha passed around a picture of what they are thinking of doing. She also talked about what the choir area will be. She mentioned that Amazon Smile will donate 5% of purchases toward our renovation fund if people buy through them.

Finance Council: The committee met last Monday to finalize the budget to turn in to the Archdiocese. They are presenting a deficit budget. Daryl said there is a shortfall of \$40,000. Much of it is caused by additional premiums for employee health insurance. They are using cash reserves to cover this year and looking to School Choice to help with future years. Daryl said they are opening a special bank account

for Project 2017 and closing the Faith in the Future account. The renters of the Darwin house will be moved out and it will be given some cleaning before being re-rented.

There was discussion about the rummage sale. AnneMarie asked about holding it at her house. The members thought it did not seem feasible to do that. It would also be a liability for the parish.

Martha asked if we needed to make up the deficit this year. It was thought that people already have their regular contribution and the renovation donation, and it would be difficult to ask them for more. A question was raised on how to approach the problem. We will have a second collection to help meet this obligation.

ROUND TABLE:

Sandra said five or six Hispanics have been going to Cardinal Stritch University on Saturdays. They are going to graduate on May 20th. Martha will write an article for the bulletin about them.

Sandra also mentioned the seminar, Living in the Holy Spirit, that was held at St. Francis last weekend. She said that Katie Alder did a special job. Sandra said she finished the translation for the renovation. The tamale sale for the students' trips was a success.

Martha said kudos to the Art and Environment committee on decorating the church.

Troy thanked Tom Murray for inviting him to the Men of Christ conference.

Millie said eight people have taken the defibrillator training and four more are on the list. She is working with Kim Yopp to refresh the Visitor's Guide. She said there is a new Parish Council manual. Troy will e-mail it to all members.

Daryl said 45 families are donating on-line.

Closing prayer was led by Millie. The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Secretary

Next meeting is May 25th.

Prayers: Martha Cucco