

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Jim Schuerman, Michelle Oberholtzer, Daryl Braun, Lois Maywald, AnneMarie Janikowski, Maureen Redmer, Daniel von Rabenau, Millie McCormick, Martha Cucco, Greg Desecki, and Kathleen Dobbler. Sandra Cruz was present as the alternate Hispanic Community Representative.

Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:30. There being no additions or corrections to the minutes, Millie made a motion to accept them, AnneMarie seconded. The minutes were accepted.

There was discussion about the upcoming Installation Mass for Fr. Jim on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Michelle mentioned that Leo is working on the menu and she passed around a copy.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Jim, Michelle and Maureen are going to the initiation meeting for the Archdiocesan Synod directives. Two weeks ago, they got the formal letter from Archbishop ListECKI outlining what our initiatives are and how to go about approaching them. We will bring the information back to everyone.

It has been decided not to have a Chili Cook-Off this year as there are so many other events. The new directories are here and they are wonderful.

Michelle reminded us that she wants to expand the stewardship committee. She asked that we think about people to ask to join us. She would like to have that meeting by March. It was decided to have the meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> in the school gym.

**Fr. Jim** said he had a meeting with Jamie Ploch about the library. She gave him a letter to the Council in which she listed some concerns she has. She asked for the Council's help in maintaining an accessible clutter free parish library. Greg Curin has built and installed a locked cabinet and is building a bookcase. She will post signs and put a notice in the bulletin to inform parishioners. One suggestion is to put a cabinet where the lost and found items are to place the items people are leaving for someone else to pick up.

Paul Koleske visited Fr. Jim. He does missions, concerts, reflections, etc. Millie said she will call to see if he will be giving any presentations in the near future so we could go and see him.

**Daryl Braun** said he looked into the insurance considerations for having a defibrillator. We are not assuming any liability by not having one, and there is no liability in having one. Maintenance issues concern the battery and the pads, which have expiration dates. Someone would have to keep a log and keep everything tuned up. Millie mentioned that the school and most churches in the area have them. She talked to the Fire Department, and they can be purchased through the Fire Department at a reduced rate. They will also provide training and they will do updates at no charge. A defibrillator with a box would cost about \$1500. AnneMarie made a motion to purchase a Zoll AED defibrillator and pursue fund raising through other ministries. Kathleen seconded and the motion passed. Millie will put

a notice in the bulletin about donating funds for it. If we get more than we need, we may buy a second one. Maureen said she will take the responsibility of the log book.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no meetings of Prayer and Worship Committee and Human Concerns.

**School Advisory:** Daniel said they have been moving forward with the security enhancements. They are celebrating Catholic Schools Week, and will have a Father/Daughter Dance in February. The basketball season is doing well. Casino Night on March 21<sup>st</sup> will be at Geneva National this year.

**Formation:** AnneMarie said they are trying to get more ministries together.

**Hispanic:** Sandra feels that this ministry will really grow. She is going to try to get the bulletin translated. She plans to have a calendar of things they want to do throughout the year.

**Stewardship:** Martha said she has been working on communications. She mentioned the Facebook page: St. Francis de Sales Lake Geneva. She said they had 1200 interactions per week on the page. Dan and Ellyn von Rabenau have been developing a new website. It will have a Google translate, which will automatically translate the entire website into Spanish. All ministries will be on one thing on-line. People will also be able to donate on-line. Martha also said she is still working on the census. The Volunteer Spotlight and the Ministry Spotlight have also been doing very well. Martha said she wants to work on a New Parishioner Welcome. Colleen Goethal has agreed to take this position. They are developing a New Parishioner packet and will have an on-going welcome meeting once a month either after the K.C. breakfast or hospitality. This will include a tour of the area. A Hispanic liaison would be a good thing.

**Finance Council:** They saw a sample of a synthetic door to replace the main doors. The company is going to do some more work before they go ahead with it. The doors would cost \$9,000, but we have between \$5,000 and \$6,000 that was refunded for the wooden doors purchased previously. They authorized a topographical survey of the blacktop that will give information that would be needed if they decide to grade and resurface the parking lot. They talked to a company about a survey of the electrical system of the school in order to install air conditioners.

On the Finance side, this is the first six months of the fiscal year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>. Envelopes are over last year by \$5000, and over budget by \$11,000. The offertory collection is over last year by almost \$4,000 and over budget by nearly \$7,750. Overall tuition and fees are under but some of that is outstanding and unpaid. Expenses are \$50,000 over last year, but \$24,000 under budget.

Lois read the minutes from the Altar Society meeting, which will be under Prayer and Worship. It was a short meeting. New business concerned the upcoming Bake Sale, and the date for kitchen cleaning.

Michelle said the Council's night for Soup Supper will be March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Father Jim said he will be at a retreat from Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Bennet Lake Retreat Center.

AnneMarie asked about a list of all ministries. Martha said she will get it to her. AnneMarie also asked Daniel to let us know when the school is planning an event so we can see if we would like to participate.

Millie asked if we will have a Council hospitality Sunday. She will find out the available dates and let Michelle know.

Michelle thanked everyone for their service and work with the Council.

Martha made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Maureen. The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald  
Secretary