

**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**August 26, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fr. Jim Schuerman, Troy Weis, Daryl Braun, Sandra Cruz, AnneMarie Janikowski, Martha Cucco, Maureen Redmer, Mary Ferrini and Lois Maywald. Also attending was our new Hispanic Community Representative, Maria Guadalupe Duran.

The meeting was called to order by Troy Weis at 6:30, followed by opening prayer led by Sandra Cruz. Maureen made a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting. Martha seconded and the minutes were accepted.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** Mary said they have hired a band for Friday night and another for Saturday night. Two bands from the parish are also interested in playing. There will be a Fish Fry Friday and pork on Saturday. They have raised \$11,075 on ticket sales and \$9550 on sponsorships. They are looking for volunteers. They would like each council member to take a lead on some activity. AnneMarie will send Troy a list of the activities for which they need volunteers. Signs are ready to go out.

**FR. JIM** said it was an exciting summer. It was good having John Baumgartner here for six weeks. Fr. Jim said the Pope has set a Jubilee year, a Year of Mercy, from December 8 through the Feast of Christ the King in November, 2016. One church in every district or Deanery will be designated as a Door of Mercy. St. Francis de Sales has been designated as one. Father also said the priority for the first year of the Synod is Evangelization and the Mass. The focus is on inviting people back to the Mass.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CLUSTERING:** We were given a list of Cluster Plan Organization Options. By 2020, all clusters must be functioning, with one pastor in charge of each cluster. The first meeting that was held was with pastors and one council member. The second meeting in July, all members of the council were invited to go to Fontana. On September 2, another meeting will take place in Fontana with entire councils. Each parish will send in their plan options, which must be submitted by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion of the options was held and the following are the decisions reached:

**Pastoral Leadership:** Associate Pastor/Parochial Vicar

**Deacon:** Request a Deacon for each Parish

**Pastoral Staff:** Some Shared

**Administrative Services:** One Certified Director of Administrative Services

**Parish Office:** Separate Offices

**Catholic School(s):** Single School Supported by Area Parishes

**Trustees:** Both on Pastoral and Finance Councils

**Pastoral Council:** Joint Meeting and Separate Council Meetings

**Finance Council:** Mandated as Joint meeting with separate council meetings

**Committees:** Some Shared

**Funding for Shared Ministers/Ministries:** Proportional Assessment Based on Number of Parishioners

Father Jim said it was okay to start now with “trigger moments” in terms of the cluster.

**COUNCIL NORMS:** Troy will check with Judi to make sure they are on file. He asked Council members to look them over during the next month and make any suggestions at the next meeting. He would like to expand the duties of the members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Human Concerns:** Troy read the minutes. On August 5<sup>th</sup>, they had a listening session with Paula Hocking from The Tree House. Cookies and lemonade were served.

**School Advisory:** School starts next week with a half day. They will have an open house on Thursday for new families and existing families. They will introduce the new staff members. There will be many new endeavors being put in the school. The sewer problem has been fixed and it is ready to go.

**Parish Life:** Since there is really no Parish Life committee, it has been put under Stewardship. Possibly an at large member can take it over.

**Hispanic Community:** They are preparing for the Emmaus Retreat and working on Fall Festival. Maria said they would like a representative from the Fall Festival committee to talk at the Spanish Mass about volunteering.

**Stewardship:** On-line giving is up and running and doing well. They are hoping to have the Volunteer Appreciation in October. Tom Greenwald offered to give a seminar on Planned Giving, and it will be on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Martha said they are going forward with the remodeling project. A fund raising company will do an assessment between October and December. They hope to have everything completed by the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. The sound system needs to be replaced and it is on order.

**Finance Council:** Bill Rorig is putting the finishing touches on the budget that was just finished. We ended up in the red. Principal Eric Gallagher talked to the parents that had not paid up their child’s tuition. Those that did not pay were turned over to collections. The parish is getting money back from the school donations to reimburse what it paid out to the Angel Fund, which is now straightened out. The organization running it was told they have a limit of \$25,000 to award. It will be portioned out by family need. A second collection will be taken up on the weekends with school Masses.

Troy reminded everyone that September 6<sup>th</sup> is council’s Hospitality Sunday.

The meeting ended at 8:25 with closing prayer by Sandra.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald  
Secretary