

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Parish Council Meeting
September 23, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Jim Schuerman, Troy Weis, Sandra Cruz, AnneMarie Janikowski, Kathleen Dobbler, Millie McCormick, Martha Cucco, Greg Desecki, Maureen Redmer, Mary Ferrini and Lois Maywald. Leo Borghgraef was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Troy Weis at 6:30. We then had the opening prayer led by Lois Maywald. Mary Ferrini made a motion to accept the minutes and Greg Desecki seconded. The minutes were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS:

FATHER JIM: Our church has been chosen to be the Door of Mercy for the Year of Mercy for our Deanery. We have to set up the hours and days when people can come. The Archdiocese will send this information out. We need to have a Door of Welcome. It will have a sign welcoming the people and we can decorate the door. Father Jim will work with Michael Deane on this. It was suggested that we designate people as porters to welcome the visitors.

Father also mentioned that Friday is the annual school picnic in Fontana at St. Ben's. There will be an Archdiocesan Pastoral Council on October 6th at St. Pat's in Elkhorn and a priest district meeting on October 30th.

FALL FESTIVAL: Mary Ferrini said, as of now, we have a gross profit of \$46,035. Sponsorship is down. She clarified the difference between sponsorship vs. donation vs. how parishioners donate to the event. It was suggested to change the wording of sponsorship to underwriting or pledges for next year. Mary also told us about the procedure for counting the money at the end of the Festival. She mentioned that a major problem concerns getting volunteers to help. We discussed methods of encouraging people to volunteer. Maureen suggested talking to people at St. Mary's in Burlington. They stopped their Festival for several years and they are now bringing it back. A suggestion was made to ask all ministries to handle one event. We also talked about giving new parishioners a form asking them what they would like to do. This subject will be discussed further at a future time.

KITCHEN UPDATE: Millie said someone from Knights of Columbus will be at the next meeting to discuss this.

PARISH LIFE: We do not have a Parish Life representative at this time. The position is for someone to report on what is going on with the events we are planning. Troy said he will talk to Michelle and find out what it is about.

CLUSTERING: The information from the meeting on September 2nd was sent to the Archdiocese. The three parishes agreed on everything except one item. After clarification, everyone understood and agreed. At our next meeting, we should come up with ideas on how to keep the conversation open.

Troy will write an article for the bulletin on the clustering. AnneMarie said sharing of ideas is very important. Sara Zick, the council secretary from Fontana, talked about setting up communication, and about having another meeting, but no date was set. Troy asked everyone to come to our next meeting with one idea on how we can work together.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL STUDENTS: Troy said he received an e-mail from Tom Murray with a list of the St. Francis students attending Catholic Central High School. He said Dan Maus will talk about some of the new upgrades at Catholic Central.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Formation: AnneMarie said everything is on hold until October, after the Fall Festival.

Youth Ministry: Kathleen said 28 students have attended. The first meeting of the school season is October 16. She, Katie Ploch and Michael Deane are working on masses where the students will shadow the adults volunteering at the mass.

Human Concerns: Kathleen also read these minutes. The Pie Auction and BBQ Supper will be Saturday, October 24th.

School Advisory: Troy read a report on the meeting. Several major upgrades were completed.

Prayer and Worship: Millie mentioned the Catholic Come Home program. They are working with Michael Deane. Information can be found at catholiccomehome.org. They would like to have welcome back cards in the pews at Christmas. A book called "Rediscover Catholicism" was mentioned. They are available for \$2.00 each. We might pass them out in conjunction with the cards.

Hispanic Community: Sandra said their meeting was about helping with the Fall Festival. They will have a dinner dance at St. Pat's.

Stewardship: Martha said the Planned Giving Seminar was not well attended. She mentioned that there will be a Volunteer Boat Ride on Sunday, October 4th. It will cost \$5 per person. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres.

Martha mentioned that St. Francis will have its 175th anniversary in 2017. Father Jim has set a goal to complete the restoration by that time. He will write a letter in the bulletin telling everyone about it.

Finance Council: Troy reported that they are talking about the new state law for School Choice. There are now fewer restrictions. A person from Catholic Central is coming next month to talk to the Finance Council about getting it here. Also, an article will be put in the bulletin regarding the Angel Fund, and telling how that account has been brought out of debt.

ROUNDTABLE:

Troy received an e-mail from Catholic Daughters regarding having a fund raiser on November 8. It is a company called "Jewelry is Fun." Council members were cautious about setting a precedent. It was decided to approve the request. Parameters will be set for any future requests of this nature.

Millie talked about a Visitor's Card from a church in South Dakota. She suggested we do a similar one for St. Francis.

Maureen passed out an article called "Confession: The Sacrament of Story."

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Secretary

Next meeting: October 28

Prayers: Kathleen Dobbler