



Pastoral Council Meeting September 11, 2014

Present: Fr. Harry Buse, Andy Flanagan, Steve Tooley, Bob Macaitis, Andrea Hennings, Andrea Monico, Jeff Miller, and Renee Mixan

The meeting started with an opening prayer from Father Buse.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Let the records show Fr. Buse was also in attendance at the May 8, 2014 Parish Council Meeting.

Items discussed:

Parishioner Comments/Input

- Steve Tooley has received a couple questions
 - The number of parishioners is being inflated by the parish and this led to increased donation goals for the Ignite the Faith campaign.
Fr. Harry addressed this saying that the overall number of parishioners did not affect our campaign goal from the Archdiocese.
 - Some parishioners have heard about monies received to go toward HVAC costs being used elsewhere.
Fr. Harry addressed this by explaining that some of the upfront costs were covered by borrowing from other areas before the loans were taken out with the archdiocese. These areas were repaid accordingly.

Committee Reports

- Home and School: Jeanne Bikakis with Home and School will join us next month for an update from Home and School.
- Stewardship and Development: Chuck Monico sent an email to report that the Stewardship and Development Committee is working on the Ignite the Faith Campaign.

next steps a festival planning meeting will be held the first of October with those who have worked on the committee in the past. We will set a goal of having a Festival Chair in place by December 1, 2014. In the past being on the festival committee was a 4 year commitment by a 4 person committee, where you had a chair running it for two years with an assistant chair coming up in two years to take over so there is always a succession plan. Notes for next year's festival committee:

Rides- overall turned out well, short on workers for the rides

Parking is an issue- possibly look at shuttling over from the Gross High School Lot

Volunteers is an issue – Look at more ways to involve the parents of the school

Short on Captains for a couple of booths

Set up and break down when smoothly

Need to have a chair for Sponsorships/Raffle Ticket Sales

Need to have a chair for Advertising – handling signage, advertising and messages in the bulletin.

- Google Accounts Setup: Andrea Monico has the Google account set up. The parish council members all have email accounts they can set up and will begin using the Google account for document storage. We will begin to use this to post the Parish Council Minutes. This will be a great resource for other committees also. Andrea will begin to socialize this to other committees starting with Building and Grounds and Finance.
- Parish Mission: Fr. Buse shared an outline of plans for a Parish Mission to be held during Lent. Teresa Yost with the Altar Society has agreed to help with planning. Sue Reed may work on a parallel program for children. A committee will be in place in the next few months to focus on planning for the Parish Mission.

New Business

- Election Procedure: Andy Flanagan shared a procedure for Parish Council Elections. He asked committee members to review the procedures and send any comments to him. If needed we can address this again at the next meeting. Elections will be held in late April or early May each year.
- Ignite the Faith Campaign: Jeff Miller gave an update on the progress of the Ignite the Faith Campaign. Our target is to raise \$880,000. There is a committee making calls to parishioners. Father Buse thanked both Jeff and Sue Miller and Chuck and Kathy Monico for heading this committee. A large portion of this campaign is going to ministry and the consortium schools so it is important to our Parish.

- Send agenda items to Andy Flanagan.
- The next meeting will be held October 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory Basement.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer from Steve Tooley.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Mixan,
Pastoral Council Secretary

