

Parish Council Minutes

February 18, 2010

Members present: Jim McGrath, Holly Nicholson, Keith Neisius, Steve Schwager, Father Weighner, Father Amal, Mark Grunwald and Patrick Nolan

Excused: Joe Faust, Pat Mercaitis, Kerri Weber and Mark Forsythe

Opened with prayer and roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

*Diocese of LaCrosse Norms for Parish Council review and discussion: tabled until next meeting.

*Financial Statement:

St. Gabriel's- July 2009-January 2010 Income- \$209,648
Expenses- \$192,737
School Subsidy- \$131,138

St. John's- July 2009-January 2010 Income- \$198,337
Expenses- \$164,709
School Subsidy- \$90,242

*School Enrollments/Commitments:

- Pre-registration letters will come out the week of March 22, 2010. Registration period in March is to get a student-count for the upcoming school year.
- Packets for Pre-K and Kindergarten will go to families that have had their children baptized at our parishes.
- Kindergarten screening will be March 1-5, 2010. Pre-K Open House will be March 29-April 2, 2010.
- Tuition fees for the 2010-2011 school year will be the same as 2009-2010 year. The Non-parishioner rate will be eliminated.
- School Survey will be sent out in March. Education Committee is putting it together. It will be mailed to families with children currently enrolled and are to be mailed directly to LaCrosse for tabulation.

*Old Business:

- Sound System: The proposals from LaCrosse and Chippewa Falls companies are within \$1000 of each other. The cost will be approximately \$45,000 for a full system at both parishes. Father Weighner would like to campaign for funds by the end of May. He will appoint one or two people from both the Finance Council and the Parish Council to help in decision.
- Endowment: discussed.
- Assignment of Board Members: tabled.
- Building Plan/Strategic Plan: Finance Council discussed and will contact Maintenance Committee for a five-year capital improvement list.
- Replacing Members Update: tabled.

- Board Retreat: Father would still like to have one, but it will not be in March.
- Maintenance Workday: Will schedule when weather gets warmer (Mid-May). Suggested a fresh coat of paint inside both churches and caulking windows.
- Stewardship: tabled.
- Youth Program: March 21, 2010. 3:00pm at St. John's.
- Building Rental Policy: Reviewed and discussed Sacred Heart's changes. Insurance is required through an individual's home-owner's policy or through the Diocese. Father Weighner will mirror Sacred Heart's policy and bring a draft to the next meeting for approval.
- Mission Statement: Handed out for members to take home for review. Will discuss at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Other: Decided to remove the telephone from inside St. John's church (not the rectory). It is not necessary and is costly.
- Summer Program: Totus Tuis. Discussed applying for a Beet Grant of \$2500 to hold this program/retreat for elementary students (Mon-Fri during the day) and middle school (Sun-Thurs in the evenings). Two college boys and two college girls would run the program and would need host families. Father Weighner will pick a date and we will discuss further at the next meeting.
- Father Amal will be gone to India in March, April and May.

Closing prayer.

Adjournment.

Next meeting March 18, 2010.

Submitted by: Holly Nicholson