

Parish Council Minutes

January 21, 2010

Members present: Holly Nicholson, Kerri Weber, Steve Schwager, Fr. Weighner, Patrick Nolan, Mark Forsythe, Jim McGrath, Fr. Amal, Mark Grunwald and Pat Mercaitis

Excused: Joe Faust and Keith Neisius

Opened with prayer and roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

*Diocese of LaCrosse Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils- review of pages 10-13: tabled until we have a full council.

*Financial Statement: The intent is to have a complete budget in April or May.

St. Gabe's- Jul.-Dec. 2008 income: \$204,205
Jul.-Dec. 2009 income: \$180,680 (down \$23,500)
Jul.-Dec. 2008 expenses: \$146,229
Jul.-Dec. 2009 expenses: \$180,215 (up \$33,000)

St. John's- Jul.-Dec. 2008 income: \$182,064
Jul.-Dec. 2009 income: \$177,330 (down \$5,000)
Jul.-Dec. 2008 expenses: \$121,769
Jul.-Dec. 2009 expenses: \$138,945 (up \$15,000)

-Both parishes have met the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

*School Enrollment/Commitments: Will hand out in February during Catholic Schools Week. A survey will be sent out with a cover letter to families currently enrolled at Prairie Catholic Schools. A separate mailing will go out to CCD families at a later date.

**OLD BUSINESS

*Sound System: Two proposals were handed out. Fr. Weighner will get a proposal from a company in Platteville.

-Finance Council recommended one fundraiser for both parishes with a specified amount to raise. It was decided that we wait until the Platteville proposal comes in. The other companies will be given a deadline. Fr. Weighner will then meet with two members of Finance Council and two members from Parish Council to decide on a company and how to proceed with a fundraiser.

*Endowment: It was noted that parishioners need to be made aware of and understand what the endowment is and different ways to contribute. Tom Farrell suggested names to Mark Grunwald of people that may be willing to help. Mark will work with Dan Kussmal and Roy George. An "Endowment Dinner" was suggested. This would go along with a presentation on what it is and how it works.

*Stewardship: It was brought up that we have a "Stewardship Committee" to oversee volunteers, fundraising, etc. Will discuss further at the next meeting.

*Assignment of Board Members: Tabled until next meeting.

*Building Plan: The Maintenance Committee will head this up.

*Replacing Members: Still looking for two willing parishioners from St. John's to join the Parish Council. Tabled until next meeting.

*Board Retreat: Fr. Weighner is still looking for speakers.

*Parish Maintenance Work Day: A list has been made. The Maintenance Committee will schedule a date in the spring.

*Parent Survey: Education Committee will review before mailing out.

*Youth Program: Easter program will take place March 21, 2010 at St. John's for the middle school students at 3:00pm.

*Building Rental: Reviewed Sacred Heart's rental policy. Will discuss at next meeting.

*Mission Statement: Kerri Weber handed out a draft.

**NEW BUSINESS

*Received a \$10,000 donation for technology upgrades.

*Christmas and Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: Suggested that an earlier mass be added in addition to the children's mass for Christmas Eve- perhaps 4:00 at St. Gabe's and a 5:30 children's mass at St. John's. Joe Faust felt that 6:00pm children's mass may be too late with it being over the supper hour and families gathering afterward for Christmas Eve celebrations. Ash Wednesday schedule: 8:30am at both parishes, 12:10pm at St. Gabe's, 6:45pm at St. John's, 6:00pm at Sacred Heart.

*Summer Schedule: It was proposed that 10:00am mass be switched to St. Gabriel's and 8:30am mass to St. John's starting May 1 and Fall Fest weekend being the last weekend for the season. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Closing prayer.

Adjournment.

Next meeting February 18, 2010

Submitted by Holly Nicholson