

Parish Council Minutes

December 15, 2011

Members Present: Patrick Nolan, Pat Mercaitis, Charlie Connell, Mark Grunwald, Holly Nicholson, Fr. Jim.

Missing: Keith Neisius, Katie Fox, Kerri Weber, Jim McGrath, Mark Forsythe, Steve Schwager

Opened with prayer and roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

*Merger Update: An article will go in the paper. Town Hall meetings will be held. Parish name suggestions will be taken in January. A letter from the Bishop will go out in mid January.

*Strategic Plan: We approached Tom Steiner about coming up with different options of a new facility. Tom is willing to work with us whichever way the parishes decide to go (update current facilities or build new).

-We approached Brian Dillman about costs to take down the existing gym/daycare. Brian indicated that he and Blair Dillman would be willing to provide their equipment to take down the gym. We (the parish) would need to provide the dumpsters.

-Fr. J looked at the Sparta facility. It has a gym, kitchen, classrooms for middle school and office space. The cost was around \$1.6 million. An additional \$400-\$500 thousand was needed for their elementary. Fr. took pictures and measurements. It is about the size of BA Kennedy. It would fit in St. John's parking lot. Will discuss further about a committee in January as we set up new councils.

*Finance Update: 1) School Endowment Annuity yearly earnings came in. 2) The boiler at St. Gabe's is going out; will try to make it through the winter. 3) A new snow unit (an enclosed Ranger) was approved for purchase but was donated to the school/parishes.

*Education Update: A new student will be enrolled in January.

*Deanery Meeting Update: The Bishop has instituted a Diocesan committee.

*Christmas Mass Times: Eve; 5:00 Gabe's, 5:30 John's (children's mass), 10pm Gabe's
Day; 9am John's

Next meeting January 19, 2012

Submitted by Holly Nicholson