

Parish Council Minutes

March 17, 2011

Members Present: Holly Nicholson, Jim McGrath, Charlie Connell, Steve Schwager, Keith Neisius, Fr. Jim, Patrick Nolan, Mark Grunwald & Pat Mercaitis.

Missing: Kerri Weber, Katie Fox, and Mark Forsythe.

Opened with prayer and roll call.

OLD BUSINESS

*Building Plan/Strategic Committee: They have been meeting and gathering data for FOCUS ON ENERGY through Alliant Energy

*Contribution Letters: Letters have been mailed and a second letter will go out to those who didn't respond.

*Youth Program: Discussed what would be involved, salary, possible persons to be director. Also discussed having a seminarian do a summer program.

*Member Forms: Discussed dates members started and who was willing to finish their terms as listed.

*Shari Sarazin Performance: Great reviews! May have her visit our parish again close to Advent.

NEW BUSINESS

*Mass Schedule: Early mass will be at St. Johns and late mass at St. Gabriel's starting May 8 (Mother's Day and First Communion). Will hold to this schedule until St. John's Fall Bazaar in September. Discussed mass times of 8:00am and 10:00am.

HOLY WEEK: Thursday- 7:30pm at St. Gabriel's, Good Friday- 1:30 at St. John's, Holy Saturday- 8:30pm at St. John's (NO 4:00 mass). Regular Sunday mass schedule.

*Plans for Elections: Officers of the council will be held in June with any new members elected in May. We will be voting for Chairperson, Vice Chair, & Secretary.

*Totus Tuus: This will be held the last week of July. A director is needed to coordinate this project; find housing and meals for the team. Council members will come up with suggestions of people who may want to do this. Also, a note can be put in the students' brown envelopes- this job could be put toward family service hours.

*Parish Directory/Photo Album: Olan Mills Photography would like to take photos the first two weeks in June. Two people are needed to coordinate this. Would like to start a sign up on Palm Sunday. A sheet will be put in pews for two weeks asking for volunteers/coordinators for Totus Tuus, the Parish Directory and nominations for parish council.

*There will be a healing service at 2:00 and an Easter penance service at 3:00 on Sunday, April 10, 2011.

*Finance Council Update: They are working on a budget.

*Education Committee Update: Charlie Connell attended the February meeting. All participated and integrated math was discussed for the middle school.

*Family Life Committee Update: Tabled. There was no February meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2011 (due to Holy Thursday)

Closed with prayer.

Submitted by Holly Nicholson