

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING/OCTOBER 16, 2014

PRESENT: Jason Knapp, Jody Harris, Charlie Connell, Patrick Nolen, Mary Novey, Debbie Morovits, Father Weighner.....Absent: Mark Grunwald, Terry Meyer, Molly Kirschbaum

Meeting was called to order with a prayer. Corrections to the minutes: Jodi is Jody. Weigner is Weighner, absent were also Jason and Molly....Motion by Mary to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick.

Ongoing business: The plans for the fellowship hall at St. Johns sight have been submitted to the state. The St. Gabriel's project has a little more detail and need to be scaled to code, hopefully, finished and sent to the state by the end of October. Midwest Builders out of Fennimore will begin groundbreaking as soon as plans are approved. Weather and time will be a factor on when the first phase begins. Local contractors will be used as much as possible; however some of them have bid jobs for themselves for winter projects. Availability maybe an issue. Capitol Campaign is secure. It was suggested that a notice be sent, possibly with their yearend tax info, to the pledge donors making them aware of their individual status to date and the agreement of their payment plans.

New business: Results of Election of Officers are as follows: Council President: Jody Harris, Vice President: Charlie Connell, Secretary: Debbie Morovits. Father will talk to Holly Nicholson about the book that contains previous info on elections and minutes.

Finance Committee: Business as usual on the building project. The money for the Campaign is in a savings account at the Diocese in La Crosse, and checks are issued upon requests. Suggestion was made to meet annually with all 3 committees at one meeting for awareness of what each committee is working on.

Education: Combined school seems to be going well. A concern about how early the bus gets at school was brought up and how long they are outside in bad weather. Confirmation classes for 10<sup>th</sup> graders continues with Confirmation on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There are 20 - 9<sup>th</sup> graders and they will start classes after the Mission. JWalkers have their own room. A question, by Debbie, was asked about the JWalkers Mass. In the handouts for the Confirmation classes it says JWalkers/Confirmation Mass. Can the Confirmation kids help at the Masses or is it just for members of the JWalkers. The Confirmation kids that are not JWalkers need service hours and are unsure how they sign up for church duties. Mary Stoeffler discussed a concern that this was not being done correctly. Father will discuss this with Mary. Home and School has very few participants

Family Life: A Mass of Remembrance will be held at St. Gabriels, with around 26 names being read and honor candles being lit in the month of November for our passing Parishioners this year. The Mission schedule will be posted in the bulletin, showing the discussed topic for each night.

Do we need a Grand Plan with the different activities, dinners and events that are supporting our Parish. Who has the bookwork on all the different activities if our "Leaders" stepdown. Can we look at other possible fund-raisers.

Next Meeting: November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 St. Johns School. Meeting adjourned with a prayer.