

ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

April 16, 2015

PRESENT: Msgr. Greg Higley, Pastor; Deanna Haslag, Staff; Jim Brune, Duane Evers, Margie Hagenhoff, David Hall, Richard McMichael, Debbie Mehmert, Vickie Pabst, Connie Schepers, Brenda Tighe, Phil Verslues

ABSENT: Tim Hronick, Keith Kempker, Craig Schnieders, Roberta Schulte, Eric Volmer, Larry Winkelman

CALL TO ORDER: Parish Council President, David Hall

OPENING PRAYER AND BELESSING: Msgr. Greg Higley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A correction to the minutes was requested by Vickie Pabst, member of the Social Concerns Commission, to reflect the Commission met January 27, 2015. Due to her absence at the March 4, 2015, Parish Council meeting, no Social Concerns report was given. President Hall called for a motion to approve minutes reflecting Social Concerns met January 27, 2015. A motion was made by Margie Hagenhoff; seconded by Duane Evers. A copy of the January 27, 2015, Social Concerns Commission minutes, was circulated for Parish Council members to view and has been inserted into the body of these minutes.

SOCIAL CONERNS – Reported by Vickie Pabst

Social Concerns last meeting was held March 4, 2015. Opening prayer was given by Msgr. Higley, followed by discussion and distribution of copies of “Survey for the 2015 General Synod on the Family”. Each member present, as well as all parish members, are being asked to respond by either filling out a copy of the survey distributed at church or respond to the on-line survey posted on the Diocese of Jefferson City’s website at www.diojeffcity.org. At the end of February, the results will be submitted to organizers of the worldwide Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops on the Family to be held in September of this year. Bishop Gaydos has identified family life as an urgent pastoral priority. The survey will be of help to examine and address the needs of family life in our parishes.

BUDGET

Chair Marcia Kennison distributed a copy of the Social Concerns Budget for review and discussion. As of January 26, 2015, total expenses from September 25, 2014 through January 26, 2015 amounted to \$2,568.54. Income deposits amounted to \$2,549.05. As of January 22, 2015, the Social Concerns has a balance of \$1,138.39. Funding resources are received from the parish monthly Quarter Sunday Collection, individual donations, funeral donations from family of deceased for reimbursement of meat costs, and assistance provided by outside organizations.

SOCIAL CONCERNS OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Thanksgiving Food Baskets – Twenty-two baskets were prepared and delivered to twenty-one (21) families with school children attending New Bloomfield, Callaway Hills, North, and one (1) parishioner. Items collected for the baskets were donated by PSR students and their families and

through parish donations. Surplus items were donated to the Union Hill Baptist Church Food Pantry, a certified, federally funded Food Bank.

Some PSR students and their families attended a Pizza Party at Pizza Hut on December 15, 2014, in appreciation for their collection of canned goods.

Christmas Angel Tree Project – Thirteen families received gifts from the parish-wide Christmas Angel Tree. The gifts were delivered December 17 to twelve (12) families with children attending New Bloomfield, Callaway Hills, North and one (1) parishioner. Marcia asked for comments from the committee members who worked in gathering and delivering the gifts if any changes are needed for next year. Overall comments were good. No changes suggested.

School Supplies – In August, monetary donations used to purchase school supplies, as well as school supplies donated by parishioners, were distributed to New Bloomfield, Callaway Hills, and North schools. Again, Marcia asked for comments from committee members if there were any need for change for distribution and delivery of the supplies to the schools. The committee members who worked on this project felt the schools were very appreciative to receive the donations. No suggestions for change.

Welcome Packets – An update on the Welcome Packets was reported by Dana Berhorst. Packets were made for newly registered members with the parish, in addition to parishioners who had previously joined the parish but did not receive a packet. There are still plenty of packets available. There are packets that have been prepared for new members but have not been picked up. Msgr. will work with Dana and Deanna Haslag to find a solution in getting this information out.

Closing prayer was led by Msgr. Higley.

ADMINISTRATION – Reported by Msgr. Higley

Veit Hall - Lighting has been replaced and completed.

Pictorial Directory – No date has been set for completion. Tasks remain to be done before directory can be sent to printer.

Outside Pillars – At this time, no date has been set for painting. Tim Stuber will be painting the outside pillars when weather permits.

Finance – A copy of the Current Budget 7/1/2014 through 3/30/2015 (Using July 2014-June 2015) was distributed to Parish Council members. Finances remain good with money in both checking (\$70,000) and savings (\$101,000). Incoming revenue line items, savings and expenses were discussed. The categories 402/Subsidy to Parish School and 403/Helias High School Tuition is the biggest line items for expenses. These expenses have been paid and less than budgeted. Category 312-Building Insurance has been paid and underestimated by a difference of \$1,350.00. This insurance entails more than just building, i.e., personal injury, worker's compensation, etc. Repair expenses have been minimal. Air conditioning will be replaced by May and funded by Knights of Columbus.

Msgr. Higley stated parishioners have been generous in giving of their monetary support and will be working with Deanna to express this generosity by a letter of appreciation.

Banking Accounts – Deanna reported St. Andrews has a current savings account balance of \$101,293 and a current checking account balance of \$70,000. In respect to past discussions of transferring saving funds to a long-term account, she requested revisiting options for discussion. After review and discussion of the current budget, generous response to the increased giving campaign, Fall Festival proceeds, Knights of Columbus contributions and outstanding projected category 314 - parish repairs and improvements, President Hall called for a motion to deposit \$50,000 from checking to the Diocese's long-term savings account, and transfer \$30,000 of the current \$101,293 from short-term to mid-term savings, with the balance remaining in short-term savings. Motion made by Phil Verslues, seconded by Connie Schepers.

WORSHIP/EDUCATION

Upcoming events reported by Msgr. for May are: First Communion, Parish School of Religion Family Night, Mother's Day Procession and closure of Parish School of Religion.

Margie Hagenhoff reported a meeting is being planned with Max Autenrieb Church Interior Decorating to discuss ideas for a mural in the gathering space of the church. Margie and Carol Maxey will coordinate a date with Max Autenrieb to schedule a meeting. Parish members are encouraged to come.

FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival envelopes will soon be available for collection of donations toward 2016 Fall Festival.

President Hall reported the final Kitchen/Dining Room evaluation meeting was held. The Committee's discussions led to a need for replacing the existing steam table used for serving, in addition to floor mats and six 4 oz. serving spoons. A replacement steam table with four wells can be purchased for \$1,000 in Columbia. An additional charge of \$142 would be added if delivery is needed. President Hall will check to see if wheels and steam pans come with the steam table or, if needed, can be purchased as accessories. Msgr. is going to check with Tom Mehmert of the Knights of Columbus to find out if there are existing floor mats that can be used for this event. Motion was called to authorize purchases needed up to \$1,300.00 and paid out of the parish checking account for items needed. Motion made by Debbie Mehmert; seconded by Margie Hagenhoff.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Restrooms – A discussion for remodeling restrooms was brought up for consideration by Margie Hagenhoff. Considerations discussed were replacement of present paper towel/soap/fragrance dispensers, flooring, and paint. Msgr. spoke of the need for making the main bathrooms used for public events handicapped accessible. Motion was made by Debbie Mehmert and seconded by Phil Verslues for Margie and Dennis Hagenhoff to start contacts for bidding and pass discussion and findings of remodeling of bathrooms on to the Administration Commission for further discussion and findings.

Air Conditioning Project – Msgr. Higley commented a projected date of early May for the air conditioning project. Notification to be sent by e-mail.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council will meet Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with prayer led by Msgr. Higley

Respectfully submitted by: Vickie Pabst, Parish Council Secretary