

ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

March 4, 2015

PRESENT: Msgr. Greg Higley, Pastor; Deanna Haslag, Staff; Jim Brune, Duane Evers, Margie Hagenhoff, David Hall, Tim Hronick, Keith Kempker, Richard McMichael, Debbie Mehmert, Connie Schepers, Craig Schnieders, Roberta Schulte, Brenda Tighe, Philip Verslues, Eric Volmer

ABSENT: Vickie Pabst, Larry Winkelman

CALL TO ORDER: Parish Council President, David Hall

OPENING PRAYER AND BLESSING: Msgr. Greg Higley

WELCOME: Msgr. Higley welcomed new Council Members Keith Kempker and Philip Verslues. The new members and existing members told a little about themselves and their roles in the parish.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Call made by President David Hall for approval of December 3, 2015, Parish Council Minutes. Motion made by Eric Volmer, seconded by Tim Hronick. Minutes unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Commission Meeting: Connie Schepers reported that the Administration Commission met on January 27, 2015 to continue discussions on the best approach to resolving the air conditioning issues in Veit Hall. They are looking at three options, with the estimated cost ranging from \$16,000 to \$36,000. Bid specifications are being created and bids will be sought.

Msgr. Higley explained that of the 6 units in Veit Hall, 3 are currently not working. The consensus is that it will be best to replace all units because of their age. The air conditioning/heat pump option will be the most efficient because it adjusts to the volume of people in the facility. Bids will be in place by the end of March with a two week turn-around time for response from the vendors. The selection Commission is in place. David Hall clarified the preliminary numbers and Msgr. responded that we are expecting around \$30,000 for 4 units

Veit Hall Lighting: Msgr. Higley reported that we are looking at brighter and more efficient lighting in the gym.

Pictorial Directory: Msgr. Higley reported that some tasks remain to be done before the directory will be sent to the printer. Two hundred ninety-six families had their photos taken. The organization of collages is taking time.

Finances: Msgr. Higley explained the budget sheet to the members and talked about the 100 income category and the significant spending categories, such as utilities and school stipends. He stated that we did continue to do well, but we need to keep in mind that the income category includes a number of one-time, end of the year, donations. He stated the increased giving campaign was successful and may be revisited after 18 months.

Parish Council Discussion/Action RE: Administration

Parking Lot Repairs: Msgr. Greg reported that parking lot repairs are on the back burner right now because of winter weather and the air conditioning project. It will be re-evaluated in the spring.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - Did not meet

Msgr. Higley reported the Thanksgiving baskets and giving tree went well with great response. The commission continues the school supply collection and welcome packets. He noted that most newcomers decline visits, but like a packet of information

WORSHIP/EDUCATION – Did not meet

Parish Council Discussion/Action RE: Worship/Education

Margie Hagenhoff reported that although she has sent photos of the church interior to Max Autenrieb Church Interior Decorating, she has not heard back from them. She will continue to try to move this project forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Elections – David Hall opened nominations for elections.

President – David Hall is the current President.

Connie Schepers nominated David Hall; he accepted the nomination.

Duane Evers nominated Connie Schepers; she declined the nomination.

Roberta Schulte motioned that nominations cease. Tim Hronick seconded the motion.

David Hall was elected President by acclamation.

Vice President – Duane Evers is the current Vice-President

David Hall nominated Duane Evers; he accepted the nomination

Tim Hronick motioned that nominations cease. Eric Volmer seconded the motion.

Duane Evers was elected Vice-President by acclamation.

Secretary – Vickie Pabst is the current Secretary

Roberta Schulte nominated Vickie Pabst; Since Vickie was not in attendance, the nomination stood.

Eric Volmer motioned that nominations cease. Tim Hronick seconded the motion.

Vickie Pabst was elected by acclamation.

Commissions – Msgr. Greg stated that each Parish Council Member is assigned to be a member of one of the three Commissions. He asked that each of the new members be thinking about which Commission they would like to be assigned to and then discuss it with him. If any other members wish to change the Commission they are assigned to, they should also communicate that to Msgr. Greg. Commission members also consist of individuals who are not currently members of the Parish Council.

The current chair-persons of the commissions are:

Administration – Larry Hartman

Social Concerns – Marcia Kennison

Worship/Education – Msgr. Higley

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The Parish Council will meet April 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with prayer led by Msgr. Higley.

Respectfully submitted by: Deanna Haslag, Parish Secretary