

ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MARCH 12, 2014

PRESENT: Msgr. Greg Higley, Jim Brune, Duane Evers, Margie Hagenhoff, Tim Hronick, Alice Hutschreider, Richard McMichael, Debbie Mehmert, Vickie Pabst, Ginny Pattyson, Craig Schnieders, Don Slinkard, Brenda Tighe, Eric Volmer

ABSENT: David Hall, Deanna Haslag, Connie Schepers, Ken Schulte

GUEST: Chancellor, Sr. Kathleen Wegeman, Diocese of Jefferson City Chancery

PRESENTATION: A power point presentation, followed by a question and answer session was presented to the Parish Council by Sr. Kathleen Wegeman, Chancellor of the Diocese of Jefferson City. The presentation, entitled "Parish Pastoral Council" is a model the Diocese uses as a guideline for Parish Councils as a way to meet the needs of the mission of the Church and parishioners. Printed information will be forwarded to Council members for further discussion.

OPENING PRAYER AND BLESSING: Msgr. Greg Higley

CALL TO ORDER: Parish Council Vice-President, Duane Evers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve December 17, 2013, Parish Council minutes moved by Jim Brune; seconded by Tim Hronick. Minutes unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Cemetery Committee Report was given by Msgr. Greg, in the absence of Ken Schulte. An overview on the maintenance of the cemetery and church grounds was given. Due to the loss and passing of Joe Veit, in addition to Spring approaching, there is a need to purchase equipment to replace that owned by Joe. An offer was made to St. Andrews in the amount of \$5,000 by Chris Veit for the purchase of the equipment previously owned and used to maintain the church grounds. This would include the Zero-Turn John Deere mower, with attachments, and a snow blower; all in good condition and routine maintenance made. Estimates were obtained on equipment comparable to offer made by Chris.

Msgr. Higley recommended asking the Cemetery Committee to contribute \$2,500 and Parish Council to contribute the remaining \$2,500 toward the total cost of \$5,000 for the equipment.

Motion made by Joann Scheidt and seconded by Eric Volmert to purchase the equipment. Motion unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

A report on the parish budget was prepared and distributed to the Parish Council from July 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014. Msgr. Greg gave a line item review and explanation of the total income and expenses incurred.

There has been a good response from parishioners toward the Offertory Enhancement Program. To date, over 150 pledges have been received and is still being monitored. Another update will be reported at the next Council meeting.

Hot water heaters downstairs have been replaced as a result of County Health Department monitoring for Fall Festival and Fish Fry events. The Knights of Columbus donated money for the replacements.

Duane Evers asked about Envelopes for Capital Improvements. Msgr. Greg needed to check and thought in preparation of budget report it was overlooked. He will check with Deanna. Msgr. reported approximately \$2,000/month is collected and spent for repairs and improvements. He quoted 500 households in the parish and 50% or less attend Mass and out of that 50% or less tithe. A company is used to mail envelopes, monitor and provide reports. Postage is only cost to parish.

LITURGY/SOCIAL CONCERNS

Msgr. Greg reported hand railings are being made by parishioner Drew Grim and will be installed on the steps ascending to the Altar. The design, wood, stain and varnish will appear to be part of the construction of the church when built.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE/EDUCATION

A diocesan program called "Catholicism" is being reviewed as a parish-wide invitation to participate in an adult formation program to start after Easter.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Directory – Mary Slinkard and Marilyn John have expressed a continued interest to publish an updated directory. Both worked on the past Directory. Inquiries are being made to companies to gather information for this project.

Fall Festival Update - Reported by Alice Hutschreider. The Fall Festival Committee has met twice since it was formed last fall. Meetings have been productive and well attended. Follow-up meetings will continue to be scheduled to review the process and functions of each of the committees and receive feedback from parishioners-at-large.

The following is a listing of issues being discussed and/or considered as a result of discussions and feedback from current meetings:

Dining Room/Kitchen: Menu changes (type of turkey, sauerkraut without beans, donations of bread); serving style (buffet vs. family style); servers; obtain bids for purchase of food (to include delivery); adding an additional work shift creating less hours for each shift scheduled; review of ticket sales; creating a price list for sale of left-over food, in addition to location and time of sale.

Committee Chairs, workers and parishioners interested in the following areas have discussed the process and/or reviewed identified areas for change or improvement: Parking; Country Store (Co-Chairs chosen); Raffle; Refreshment Stand (sale of sausage sandwiches); Children Activities/Cake Walk (better prizes, sale and redeeming of tickets, location); and Meat Donation (creating "Fund for Fall Festival" envelopes to be made any time during the year).

In general, an interest has been shown:

- Get new and more parishioners involved with the Fall Festival.
- Importance of continued documentation, notebooks prepared w/review and updates to aid Committee Chairs and parishioners involved.

- Change of leadership style from Co-Chair to Chair succeeded by Co-Chair on a 2 year rotation.
- Annual follow-up meeting after Fall Festival to review and evaluate.

Tents need to be rented to ensure availability for Fall Festival. Next Fall Festival Planning meeting has been scheduled for April 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Msgr. Greg commented that Parish Council would not have to decide on serving style for Fall Festival. The Committee can make decision and will aid them with other decisions such as work schedule, number of workers, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Confirmation – Reported by Msgr. Greg. Confirmation will be held at St. Andrew's on Sunday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. Mass will be concelebrated with Bishop Gaydos. Fifteen candidates will be confirmed, 8 of which are RCIA candidates.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

MSGR. GREG'S COMMENTS

Regarding the Parish Pastoral Council presentation, presented by Sr. Kathleen Wegeman, Msgr. commented on the differences between St. Andrew's Parish Council and the Diocesan model presented. A major difference is the separation of the Administration/Financial Committee from the rest of the Council Committees. He expressed it will need to be analyzed and will talk with the Administration/Finance Committee to get their opinion.

Msgr. Greg closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Vickie Pabst, Parish Council Secretary