

# ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

MAY 7, 2014

**PRESENT:** Msgr. Greg Higley, Jim Brune, Duane Evers, Margie Hagenhoff, David Hall, Deanna Haslag, Tim Hronick, Alice Hutschreider, Richard McMichael, Vickie Pabst, Ginny Pattyson, JoAnn Scheidt, Connie Schepers, Craig Schnieders, Don Slinkard, Brenda Tighe, Eric Volmer

**ABSENT:** Debbie Mehmert

**OPENING PRAYER AND BLESSING:** Msgr. Greg Higley

**CALL TO ORDER:** Parish Council President, David Hall

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Call made by President David Hall for approval of March 12, 2014, Parish Council minutes. Motion was made by Alice Hutschreider; seconded by Margie Hagenhoff. Minutes unanimously approved.

## **REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION** – Reported by Connie Schepers.

The Administration report was prepared and reported by Connie Schepers. Further review and discussion was made as a result from the commission report concerning roof damage and pillars. In addition, Msgr. Higley reported on other administrative issues as follows:

**Roof Damage** - Due to the extent of the roof damage, lack of information, and unknown weather conditions at the present time, Msgr. Higley asked the council to consider letting the Administration Commission make the decision for replacement of shingles. Motion made by Duane Evers to allow Administration Commission to make decisions needed for repair of roof; motion seconded by Jim Brune.

**Painting Pillars** - Msgr. reported that the pillars are to be repaired, not replaced. Further information is being gathered as to how the pillars will be repaired before approval is made.

**Listing of Parishioners** - A handout was distributed for review and discussion for purposes of updating the list. Members to report to Deanna of any known changes.

**Parish Commissions** – Parish council members were asked to list two commissions of preferred interest in which to best serve the parish. This information was gathered for commission assignment of current and new members and given to Deanna.

**Parish Pastoral Council Handout** – Copies of the presentation, “Parish Pastoral Council” presented to St. Andrew Parish Council, March 12, 2014, by Sr. Kathleen Wegeman, Chancellor of the Diocese of Jefferson City was distributed to council members. No discussion or action made.

**Parish Budget** – The parish budget report was made by Msgr. Higley, in addition to handouts providing a comparison of the previous three quarters. At present 175 out of 500 households tithe.

**Offertory Enhancement Campaign** – In respect to the Offertory Enhancement Campaign, a parish 2013/2014 Offertory Income Comparison report was provided and discussed to address the monthly reporting of parishioners tithing to this campaign. The Diocesan Stewardship Office has been asked to review the report and provide feedback to the parish. Further discussion followed regarding alternative recording of contribution collections made by parishioners toward Enhancement Campaign from present method, in addition to sustainment of the campaign, and reporting to parish members on the progress of the campaign.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION** – No report.

**WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE/EDUCATION COMMISSION** – Reported by Margie Hagenhoff

The Commission has expressed an interest in replacing the large wreath in the gathering area with a mural. Max Autenrieb Church Interior Decorating, a Missouri company that has done murals at area churches, has been contacted to come and inform the parish-at-large of ideas regarding this project. Financing by the Altar Sodality or memorial fund contributions were suggested funding sources. A motion was moved by Vickie Pabst in support of Autenrieb presenting mural ideas, in replacement of wreath in the gathering area to parish-at-large; motion seconded by Brenda Tighe. Msgr. Greg recommended the formation of a committee of four to five people to explore options.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Msgr. Greg announced the upcoming May Crowning and Parish School of Religion Awards Ceremony.

**Office Updates** - Deanna Haslag reported much of the office updates were previously discussed in the Administration Commission report given by Msgr. Greg. She asked if there were any further questions or discussions pertaining what had been reported. No further questions or discussions proceeded.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Parish Directory** – Msgr. Greg will be checking with past parish directory coordinators, Mary Slinkard and Marilyn John, for details regarding a new parish directory. Msgr. will report back to parish council at next meeting.

**Fall Festival Report** – Msgr. Greg reported David Hall and Alice Hutschreider will serve as the co-chairs for the 2014 Fall Festival. Planning meetings have been productive and continue to be held in preparation for the upcoming Festival in October. David and Alice

reported on discussion and updated changes from last the last Fall Festival Planning meeting regarding menu, dining room and kitchen:

Since the planning committee had the responsibility to make the changes to the menu, a vote was taken by the committee and agreed to serve turkey roll, instead of baked turkey; costing approximately \$4/lb., which will result in no waist and less preparation time.

Continued problem in getting volunteers to serve in the dining room area prompted the committee to consider serving buffet style over previous family style. A few of the benefits by serving buffet included cost effectiveness, minimize volume of dishwashing, no longer need for a carry-out stand, help to create a better health environment with fewer people touching food, easier to keep and serve food warm, refills available. Post Fall Festival meetings will be held to evaluate and compare previous practices.

The committee chairs requested the council to vote for a trial change in serving the 2014 Fall Festival from family style serving to buffet style serving for one year, then to re-evaluate to continue for future Fall Festivals. A motion was made by Alice to serve 2014 Fall Festival buffet style for one year, then evaluate by post Fall Festival meetings to either continue with buffet style or change back to family style. Motion seconded by Jim Brune.

Other areas of change and consideration are: Bread – there will be no more requests for bread donations. There will be use of a vendor, such as Schnucks, Schulte's IGA, etc. Change in sauerkraut recipe. Some food items will be placed on dining tables rather than buffet line, such as cranberries. Dessert table will be moved for easier access and flow of guests. Drinks will be busied by servers, Altar Sodality contacted to help with items such as cookie jars, pies, etc. Discussions regarding Fall Festival donations resulted in proposing a change from request of an annual donation at time of Fall Festival to acceptance of donations throughout the year; possibly by envelopes placed in pews, special envelope collection to possibly be considered as a tax-deductible contribution.

To provide continued continuity and leadership for future Fall Festivals, beginning 2014-2015, two co-chairs, in addition to a new co-chair will serve. In 2016, one co-chair will be replaced by the previously named new co-chair, and a new co-chair named. Each Fall Festival will have three parishioners to serve in this leadership capacity. Folders will be distributed to all committee members to document information, notes, complaints, etc., and community building activities, to help evaluate and provide information to new volunteers.

Next Fall Festival planning Committee is scheduled for May 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Open invitation is extended to all interested parishioners.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dates for 2014 parish council meetings were scheduled as follows:

July 1, 2014, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

September 3, 2014, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

November 5, 2014, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**MSGR. GREG'S COMMENTS**

If need be, Msgr. Greg stated an emergency meeting will be scheduled to finalize repair of roof. Painting of pillars will be communicated by e-mail.

**NEXT MEETING**

July 1, 2014, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Council meeting closed with prayer led by Msgr. Greg

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Vickie Pabst, Parish Council Secretary