

ST. ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

DECEMBER 17, 2013

PRESENT: Msgr. Greg Higley, Ginny Pattyson, JoAnn Scheidt, Jim Brune, Duane Evers, Margie Hagenhoff, David Hall, Tim Hronick, Richard McMichael, Debbie Mehmert, Alice Hutschreider, Connie Schepers, Craig Schnieders, Eric Volmer, Deanna Haslag

ABSENT: Don Slinkard, Vickie Pabst, and Brenda Tighe

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Msgr. Greg Higley

CALL TO ORDER: Parish Council President, David Hall, called the meeting to order

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jim motioned to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2013 meeting; seconded by Tim. Motion passed. Minutes were unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Commission met on December 9, 2013. Connie distributed minutes from that meeting.

SEWER PROBLEM: Deanna reported that she talked to Randy Stegeman and told him the Council had approved for him to proceed with the work needed to repair the sewer problem. Randy said he would do so as soon as weather permits.

FINANCES: Msgr. Greg reported that the Fall Festival check has been deposited, and that we need to continue to be vigilant in our spending and begin putting money aside for some of the big projects facing us. He stated that he will give a 6-month financial report at the next meeting.

INCREASED OFFERING CAMPAIGN: Msgr. Greg discussed the Diocesan wide "Increased Offering Campaign". Letters will be mailed to parishioners inviting those who aren't contribution to begin, and others to consider giving more. It is purely a letter campaign, with different letters for different levels of giving. The Diocese is paying the consultant fee. Other parishes have realized an increase of 20% to 40% in contributions. He will give talks at Masses about the campaign. This campaign is totally separate from the CSA.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST: The committee for TEC is moving from IC and is in need of new office space for their files and storage. There will be no phones or internet connections. The old rectory is primarily only used on the weekends for PSR Pre-K and K. Msgr. asked the council for approval to offer the use of the old rectory to TEC. JoAnn motioned that the council approve this request, seconded by Connie. The motion was passed unanimously with no discussion.

CURSILLO TRAILER: The trailer sitting in the woods below the K of C building is the old Cursillo trailer and should be removed from the property. Msgr. Greg will talk to Jim Keeven about how to go about getting it moved.

SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Msgr. Greg reported that Social Concerns received great response on the giving tree. All ornaments were taken and Social Concerns did not have to spend any money on gifts. They were also pleased with the response to the Food Drive. In addition to these items, they continue to help people with other needs.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE:

MISSION: Msgr. Greg reported that the parish responded well to the recent Mission. Another one has already been booked for next year. Over 100 people attended the first two nights, and 70 the last night.

ADVENT PRAYER BOOKS: The Ladies Sodality provided daily prayer books for Advent for the first time this year. The parish responded very positively to receiving these little books. Sodality will be providing the same type prayer books for Lent.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Earl and Vickie Pabst are looking into a new adult faith formation class on Catholicism. They will be providing more information after the first of the year.

CONFIRMATION CLASS and RCIA: There are 8 individuals in RCIA and 15 candidates in Confirmation Class. Msgr. Greg reported that classes are going very well. Confirmation will be Sunday, April 6, 2014

OLD BUSINESS

PARISH DIRECTORY: The Council was receptive to the idea of proceeding with looking into publishing a new parish directory. JoAnn questioned whether there is any cost to the parish and Msgr. Greg said only if we buy additional group pages over what is provided as part of the package. There is also a cost for extra directories. Last time extras were ordered in order to be available to be given to new parishioners. Marilyn John and Mary Slinkard coordinated publishing the last parish directory. Msgr. Greg will approach them to see if they would be interested in heading this project up again.

HAND RAILING ON ALTAR: This item was tabled until the next meeting.

FALL FESTIVAL FOLLOW-UP MEETING: Ginny Pattyson reported on the November 5, 2013 Fall Festival Meeting. One concern that needs to be addressed before the next Fall Festival is that there is not enough hot water at the deep sinks. After some discussion Msgr. Greg said the Administration Commission will address this problem. Other things to be decided is whether it is up to the Parish Council or if it should be put to a vote of the parish as to whether we continue serving the meal family style or do a buffet, and whether we will continue serving Turkey or change the menu to fried chicken and roast beef. Alice will schedule another Fall Festival Meeting, where all Chairpersons will be encouraged to attend. It will be advertised in the bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEXT MEETING: February 4, 2014, 7:00 pm.

Msgr. Greg closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Deanna Haslag, Parish Secretary