

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

June 17, 2014

PRESENT: Msgr. Greg Higley, David Hall, Tim Hronick, Alice Hutschreider, Richard McMichael, Ginny Pattyson, JoAnn Scheidt, Connie Schepers, Craig Schnieders, Don Slinkard, Brenda Tighe, Eric, Volmer, Deanna Haslag

ABSENT: Jim Brune, Duane Evers, Margie Hagenhoff, Debbie Mehmert, Vickie Pabst

OPENING PRAYER AND BLESSING: Msgr. Greg Higley

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION – Reported by Connie Schepers

The Administration Commission met on May 14 and May 19. Copies of the minutes from both meetings were distributed.

May 14, 2014 Meeting:

CHURCH PILLARS - Painting the pillars in front of church was discussed with two options being considered. The cost to have it professionally done, sandblasting the old paint off, will be approximately \$5,000. The other option is for volunteers to remove as much of the old paint as possible and repaint the pillars. This item was tabled.

VEIT HALL SIGN - The Veit Hall sign was removed when the awnings were installed several years ago and never replaced. Msgr. Greg is going to ask the Knights of Columbus to take on the project of re-attaching the sign to the building.

CHURCH ROOF – The roof was damaged in a recent storm. This damage was turned into insurance. The commission discussed several options for replacing the roof, which included metal or shingle. It was decided a metal roof was not a good option. A bid for 50 year guaranteed shingles for the church roof only, not the gathering area, was reviewed. Insurance will cover \$25, 555 of the \$27,555 cost. Msgr. Greg, Larry Hartman, Randy Stegemann, and Steve McMichael will meet with Herzing and the Diocesan representative with questions.

May 19, 2014 Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to make a final decision concerning the new construction of the roof.

Instead of the 30 year shingle for a cost of \$27,555, with St. Andrew's paying our \$2,000 deductible, the commission decided to have storm shingles installed. These shingles are thicker and have a better hail rating. The warranty on a commercial building is 40 years. The extra cost is \$3,500. The commission also decided to include a snow and ice barrier to the eaves and rake for an additional cost of \$910.

Msgr. Greg reported that the altar hand rails are still in the works. The first ones were too tall and are being redone.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMISSION – Reported by Alice Hutschreider

Social Concerns recently closed their bank account and opened a new one because an individual they provided assistance to used the routing number off the check to pay for their utility bill. This was reported to the Sheriff and the individual has made partial restitution. Assistance is now only provided with a cashier check or money order.

The Commission will be collecting back to school supplies from July 12 through August 10.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets – Families in need of food will be obtained through the 3 schools. If requested, this is also available to parishioners. PSR collects the majority of the food. Social Concerns pays for the PSR party held for the class that collected the most food.

Christmas – Social Concerns will be obtaining names of families in need of Christmas gifts again this year.

Welcome Packets – Welcome packets have not been sent out for some time. Social Concerns is going to look at freshening up the packets, add additional information, and begin sending them out again. They also discussed placing packets in the gathering area for families who have not received a packet but would like to.

Dave Hall said Immaculate Conception in Jeff City visits new members and wondered if we considered doing so. Alice responded that apparently in the past we have tried to do this but found that almost everyone preferred to receive the packet and not be bothered with a call or visit.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

Msgr. Greg reported that Worship and Spiritual Life did not meet. Things are functioning well. Education Commission is now part of Worship and Spiritual Life.

The first video of the video Series, Catholicism – Adult Faith Formation Journey, was shown in May. This one was on Heaven, Purgatory and Hell. It was well attended. The next video is on Saints and will be shown June 25th.

A Mission will be brought to St. Andrew's again either during Advent 2014 or Lent 2015.

BUDGET UPDATE

Msgr. presented a 50 week budget report. He stated the importance of looking at the offertory income, which is greater than budgeted. In follow-up to the Profess, Proclaim, Celebrate Our Faith Campaign, he provided a comparison report of the Offertory and Capital Improvement Categories from February 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013 to February 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014. This report showed an increase of \$23,000. In general we are doing good.

Don Slinkard asked whether a report on the campaign would be presented to the parish. Msgr. said there will be once we have more data.

JoAnn asked whether we pay St. Peter's and Helias for nine months or twelve. Msgr. responded that payments for Helias are made over a 9 month period. Payments to St. Peter's are spread out over 12 months.

Msgr. Greg reported that an item we will need to be aware of for next year's budget is the Veit Hall air conditioning. There are 5 very old and 1 ten year old units for Veit Hall. Only three are operational. Kevin Lehman of Lehman Heating and Cooling has been salvaging parts from the 3 of the units to repair the other three. Kevin will talk to Administration Commission about options for new and/or used units. He will present different options of sizes, efficiency, and levels of cooling. The approximate cost for two commercial units will be \$10,000.

OFFICE UPDATE

Deanna reported that we currently have \$59,357 in checking. Savings has a balance of \$77,669.

A new computer has been purchased to replace the old computer, which was 9 years old and running on the Windows XP Operating System.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY – Msgr. has contacted two parishioners who are willing to take on this project.

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE – Alice Hutschreider reported that the next meeting is Tuesday, June 24, 6:00 pm. Msgr. Greg approved a letter about the Fall Festival that will be read to the parish at weekend Masses and inserted into the bulletin multiple times. Alice read the letter to the Parish Council. Craig Schneiders suggested one change, which Msgr. approved. Msgr. complimented Alice and the Fall Festival Committee on the good job they are doing.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMISSION ASSIGNMENTS

Parish Council Members were assigned to commissions as follows:

Administration – Jim Brune, David Hall, Richard McMichael, Debbie Mehmert, Connie Schepers

Social Concerns – Duane Evers, Alice Hutschreider, Vickie Pabst, Ginny Pattyson, JoAnn Scheidt, Don Slinkard

Worship/Education – Margie Hagenhoff, Tim Hronick, Craig Schnieders, Brenda Tighe, Eric Volmer

CHURCH/HALL RENTAL ISSUES

Margie Hagenhoff requested this item be placed on the agenda, but was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Deanna reported that the issue was that organizations sometimes use the church and because of their celebration/activities, leave it difficult to clean. The most recent incident was the Flores de Mayo Celebration in May. The celebrants dress in ceremonial costume. The church was difficult to clean afterwards because of feathers and glitter. They had been told this had been a problem the year before and promised it would not happen again. Msgr. Greg said they will not be holding the celebration here again.

Msgr. Greg recommended we charge \$100 deposit for use of the Church even when there is not rental fee. This was approved.

TIME CAPSULE/DISPLAY CASE

Msgr. Greg will get together with Gary Heimericks and the Cemetery Committee to determine when to put the time capsule in the ground.

MSGR. GREG'S COMMENTS:

There will be no meeting in July, but there will be a meeting on August 6, 6:30 pm, to present the 2014 – 2015 budget to the council for signature. The Parish Council will continue to meet every other month unless otherwise notified.

Msgr. Greg proposed the unapproved minutes be put on the web. The Parish Council approved of this recommendation. Deanna will post them to the web and send an email to Parish Council members notifying them they are there for their approval. If there is an error, they will be revised.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Parish Council Meeting is August 6, 6:30 pm

Msgr. Greg closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Haslag
Parish Secretary