

Parish Council Meeting 4/15/13

Members Present: Kathy Badgerow, Gary, Czupinski, Therese Jones, Tom Jozwiak, Jeff Kerner, Steve Manchester, Mark Millage, Adam Redick, Fr. Bob Rogenbuck, Stephanie Urban, Paul Wadaga

Members Absent: Ed Birdsall, Elizabeth Fons (secretary)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Council/Committees still in progress
 - a. Fr. Is soon meeting with newly formed finance commission
 - b. We will have students on the parish council in the future
3. Parish membership is continually increasing at a rough average of 2 families per week
 - a. Membership Drive: good for people to hear that they need to belong to a parish for canonical reasons
 - i. Fr. Suggests we do it again
 - ii. Drive to be staffed by parish council members
 - iii. Council agreed to conduct membership drive for October 2013- details will be determined at a future council meeting
4. Ordinations/Assignments
 - a. Mark Millage to be ordained May 18 St. Thomas Aquinas in East Lansing at 10:30 am, all are invited
 - i. May 17 – Rite of Sending with ½ hour of Adoration at St. John, all encouraged to attend- more details to follow
 - ii. Traditionally, deacons are assigned to their home parish but this is not necessarily the case any longer.
 - iii. Due to decline in active priests, deacons may need to be more fluid. Deacons from our parish may need to be reassigned and may not be assigned to our parish and likely will be needed at other parishes in the near future
 - b. Fr. Joseph will be reassigned at end of June to needs of PIME order. Needed for the work of PIME
 - i. We will not be assigned a parochial vicar for next year
 - ii. The bishop is not assigning weekend help – but Fr. Bob encouraged to find help by Diocese
 - c. Fr. James Conlon assigned to St. Francis in Ann Arbor
 - i. Fr. James and Fr. Bob intend to collaborate on many things, firstly on marriage prep – will try to build a program together, will solicit parish council for ideas in the future
5. Parish needs to restructure staff to meet needs and resources effectively
 - a. Eliminate some positions (not persons) and restructure other positions.
 - b. Not personality driver, need and resource driven
6. Aside - Children's Liturgy

- a. To discuss at a future parish council meeting
- 7. Summer mass schedule on trial basis
 - a. Many student parishes drop a mass(es) in the summer
 - b. Therese Jones suggests combining the 8:00am and 9:00am masses to make a 9:00am mass at St. John (because of space needs), other members approve of this
 - c. Readjust summer schedule to 9:00am at St. Johns as recommended by Parish Council
- 8. FOCUS
 - a. Will of Bishop (and pastor) that FOCUS come to the campus ministry
 - b. We brought group of college students to conference in Orlando and growth has come from that (bible study, ect.) – students had a great experience at FOCUS conference
 - c. FOCUS will make determination in April
 - i. Fr. Thinks that we have a reasonable hope at a missionary team either this fall or next fall
- 9. Building Debt
 - a. We owe the diocese just over 1 million dollars on the Holy Trinity building
 - b. Parish needs to repay the debt
 - c. Three options
 - i. Raise the money, through debt elimination campaign, etc
 - ii. Sell the building (it appraises for about what we owe)
 - iii. Repurpose building to serve wider Catholic ministry concerns
 - d. No option is perfect
 - i. Debt elimination is incredibly unpopular and unlikely
 - ii. Who would purchase it?, and also unlikely
 - iii. Other options being explored
- 10. Catholic Urban Project – will have biggest group of missionaries yet for this summer and is raising money well and moving towards independence from the parish
- 11. Schola Artium is going well
- 12. Rome Pilgrimage – January 2014
 - a. Will table for another meeting
- 13. Pig Roast – June 2nd, 1 – 4pm – potluck/picnic