

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2016

Present: Fr. Fister, Wendy Koch, Jim Akers, Jim Baber

Also present: Lucy Marsh, Kevin Crump, Deacon Ron Sparks

Jim B. called the meeting to order at 7:03 and Father led the council in prayer. January minutes approved. First by Jim A, second by Wendy.

- Principal's Report – Lucy Marsh
  - The Knights of Columbus provided a spaghetti lunch to our students. It was a huge success again!
  - Registration packets and new tuition schedule were sent home on Feb. 8th.
  - The school received a donation this month of \$30,000! It is designated for technology: iPads, SmartBoards, upgrading server. Jim A. asked if we can get a matching donation anywhere. Should check with Jill at Diocese.
  - SMS raised \$2,528 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital during Mardi Gras!
  - Catholic Schools Week was a wonderful celebration
    - Grades 1-5 sent postcards to parents to thank them for sending them to SMS.
    - Ms. Marsh sponsored an art and an essay contest for all grades.
    - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders attended All Schools Mass on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Grandparents joined the student body for Mass on Feb. 3rd.
    - We had a religion bee and a math bee.
    - 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders attended the Diocesan Science Fair at Heritage Hall on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. We had 2 first place winners (Michelle Townsend and Dylan Scolf) and 3 second place winners!
  - Grades 3, 4, and 5 attended a program at the public library on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> for Black History Month. They were invited to take their sack lunches and eat at the library with the program's presenter, Jan Taylor.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester ends Monday, Feb. 22; report cards and MAP scores will go home on Feb. 26.
  - Our Spring Gala ("An Evening in Paris") is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Invitations will be sent to all parishioners. Need to have fund-a-need again.
- Maintenance Report - Kevin Crump
  - Door guy has started working on doors at center and will start on church doors when weather warms.
  - Still waiting on brick/plaster guy to start.
  - Lights
    - Linville has best price quote but need to get itemized quote. He wants church to purchase bulbs separately.
    - Whalen suggested installing one test track to see how we like it. Bulbs need to be moveable. Recommends down lighting for crucifix.
  - Convent pump has been fixed.
  - Ron says we need to work on rectory shutters.

- Finance Report – Father Fister
  - 2017/2018 we will have a downturn in tuition assistance. Need to start thinking of potential solutions.
  
- Committee Reports
  - Religious Formation
    - Carolyn Coons reports that several RCIA participants and team members attended the Rite of Election/Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Sunday. Our parish will have 6 adults entering the Church at the Easter Vigil.
    - Deacon Zeigler reports that Catholics Returning Home program has been a big success this time.
  
- Pastor's Report
  - Father Danny had a great "day off" welcoming new members.
  - Made Rite of Election on Sunday at Christ the King.
  - Bishop Stowe wants to shorten the Diocesan mission statement.
  - Spanish community is doing well.
  
- Old Business
  - We had a prototype for new pads for kneelers. How will we pay for them?

Next meeting is March 16, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Koch