

Parish Council Minutes – May 26, 2016

Present: Jim Akers, Greg Walters, Father Fister, Lucy Marsh, Kevin Crump, Jim Baber, Wendy Koch & Audra Perraut

Absent: Anthony Koch & Gregorio

The meeting opened with prayer.

The April minutes were approved as reviewed via email.

Committee Reports

Finance – Stan Galbraith

- Church has \$116,000+ in various accounts.
- \$25,000 has been set aside for assessment this fiscal year.
- John Roche fund is slightly ahead – after meeting with officers from KY Bank, the dividend went from \$9,700 to \$15,000+. There is in excess of \$800,00 in principal. The church receives interest checks twice a year. The interest is back on track now. It is in the church's best interest to meet with KY Bank every couple of years to keep them on top of this account.
- Offertory is typically down in the summer months. Will probably end up behind at the end of the fiscal year, but this is normal.
- Finance Council will not meet in June. Father proposed that Parish Council not meet in June either – a general consensus followed.
- St. Mary is in good shape financially - \$276,000 in all accounts
The P & L through April is slightly under, but ahead in budgeted numbers.
\$21,000 expensed for this year's assessment.

Principal Report – Lucy Marsh

- Fifth Grade Promotion was on May 20, followed by a brunch – went well
- May 6 was the D.A.R.E. graduation for 4th & 5th graders
- Open House on May 3rd gave us 6 perspective families
- The Gala was a huge success. PTS exceeded their \$32,000 commitment to the school's budget – it was voted to give each teacher \$200 to spend on their classrooms and the rest will be split between tuition assistance and the general fund.
- St. Mary has a weekly radio spot on WIND 90.7FM on Tuesdays at 7:45am. Great for evangelism as well as marketing.
- There are no staff turnovers for the coming school year.
- All regular classrooms will be housed in the main building.

Maintenance – Kevin Crump

- Replacing of the lights in church are 80% complete and will be finished soon. Using energy efficient bulbs will lower the electric bill. The 200 watt output bulbs will only use 36 watts. A spot was put on the crucifix. It is on the same switch as the chandeliers to avoid rewiring, which would be very expensive. The Knights of Columbus are paying for the additional lighting on the crucifix.
- There are some “scabs” where the old fixtures were taken down, but nothing major to fix; possibly some plaster and paint. Bryan Bailey will fix these. Can add fixtures if the lower wattage bulbs don’t look nice. It was suggested shrouds to go around the lights that stick out.
- The sound system is scheduled to be repaired Tuesday, May 31. Father mentioned that the sound system was a topic of conversation at the Fireside chats. Jim suggested a couple of more speakers be put up in the front corners. Kevin said to wait and see if we still have the same issues after the repair. He plans on being there when the repair happens and won’t leave until it is working properly.
- Door repairs complete.
- Father mentioned that the spring clean-up day had a very poor turnout. Discussion followed about the lack of advertising and possibly better communication could have helped. The weather was also an issue. It was also mentioned publishing a running list of things to be done for those that want to help, but couldn’t come. In the past clean-up days were coordinated with the boy scouts, confirmation classes, etc. who needed service hours.
- The steeple needs repairing. Bryan Bailey gave a quote of \$8,000 to fix it. Kevin suggested getting a quote from Stevenson, who fixed it the last 3 times. The lightening rod(s) need to be checked as well.
- Work needs to be done on the old convent roof and trim/woodwork. Bryan Bailey gave a quote of \$5,500 for this work. Some discussion followed about justifying the repair work on the old convent with the plans for a new building. Since this project is on hold indefinitely, the work needs to be done.
- All quotes need to be looked at to see what the bid includes.
- Annual maintenance on the chimes needs to be done.
- Tuck pointing and plaster work completed. Did a nice job.
- There was some discussion about replacing the carpet on the altar. Tile would be better for acoustics.
- The Knights of Columbus are paying to replace the kneeler pads.

Religious Formation – Father Fister

- Working with some people to come into the church this summer.
- Confirmation was very nice.
- Phil Hanrahan will be ordained a Deacon on June 4, 2106. More than likely Dcn. Zig will be moved; as 3 deacons are a lot.

Knights of Columbus – Jim Baber

- High School Recognition will take place on Sunday, June 12, 2016. The Knights of Columbus will recognize 12 seniors from Annunciation with a certificate and \$50.

Parish Life Survey – Greg Walters

- Complete!
- Katherine will email out the results. Will have hard copies for those who don't email, and one copy will be posted on the bulletin board in back of church.
- Jim and Anthony will clean up the report and get it ready to go.

Pastor's Report – Father Fister

- Concern over Fireside chat not well attended the past week. Summer vacations and graduations more than likely the cause.
- Many changes coming from the Diocese - \$48 million in debt; with many schools and churches unable to make payments on this debt. 85% of our diocesan schools are majorly in debt. We are doing well here at Annunciation & St. Mary.
- Father Jim Sichko has been put in charge of managing this debt and decreasing it. Father Tom Farrell will be moved to Richmond to take Father Sichko's place as pastor.
- Bishop Stowe is very pragmatic/hand on. Will rely on the laity to help us deal with problems.
- Tim Schosser (old colleague of Father Fister) will be helping with youth group curriculum and making the structure more conducive.

Motion to adjourn. The next meeting will be on July 27, 2016 @ 7pm.