

## Parish Council Minutes – January 18, 2017

Present: Jim Akers, Greg Walters, Father Fister, Lucy Marsh, Kevin Crump, Wendy Koch, Audra Perraut, Dcn. Ron Sparks, Tiffany Bezeau, Jim Baber, Jennifer Hollon

Absent: Gregorio Castro

The meeting opened with prayer.

The October minutes were approved as reviewed via email.

### Committee Reports

#### Principal Report – Lucy Marsh

- The school put on a lovely Christmas pageant, followed by a social in Parish Center.
- Bishop Stowe will pray Mass on Jan. 20, 2017.
- Catholic Schools week is Jan. 29-Feb. 3. This year's theme is "Catholic Education: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."
- The school continues to great outreach in our community.
- Several students received honors through the Bo. Co Conservation Art Contest.
- Sue Litzinger has been employed as a reading specialist. Students & parents have received her very well.
- The second round of MAP testing is going on this week.
- Ms. Marsh is working on raising \$1,000 for a matching grant for marketing and development from Bishop Stowe. So far \$375 has been raised.

#### Finance – Jennifer Hollon

- Both church and school have an assessment reserve to ensure payment to the diocese
- Offertory back up to normal
- \$40,000+ in One in Faith fund for debt and large ticket repair.
- St. Mary still has a small loan, but nothing of concern, though enrollment is low

#### Maintenance – Kevin Crump

- We had a few electrical repairs in the Parish Center; put new brass electrical outlets/plates in the floor
- Signage in parking lots and on Parish Center done. The cost came in \$1,600 less than approximated. Holy Name Society paid for them
- Need to get quotes for a new roof on the church. Looking for 3 dimensional 40 year shingles to match the Parish Center roof. Work to hopefully begin end of April (after Easter). Need at least 3 quotes with 2 possibilities: 1. Overlay, 2. All new
- Also need to revisit the painting of the steeple and convent. Quotes needed on these as well.

- It was agreed to go with Koorsen for the monitoring of the fire & sprinkler systems in the Parish Center and Weller Bldg. Kevin will narrow down the cost and send it electronically.

Social Concerns (outreach) – Tiffany Bezeau agreed to report on this in the future

Parish Life (groups: i.e., Women's, Knights of Columbus, etc.) – Greg Walters

Religious Formation – Wendy Koch

- Carolyn Coons reports that we now have 57 families participating in the Vocation Cross program
- Dcn. Zig is planning a series of classes to begin Wed., March 8. The program is titled, "Catholicism: the pivotal player." Father commented that it is a great program.
- Youth Group is going well. They meet every Wednesday; usually between 10-12 people attend each week. Youth 2000 is March 10-12, 2017. They are making "Blessing Bags" to give to parishioners to hand out to those in need.

PTS – Audra Perraut

- They have a fund-raiser at The Rock on Thursday, Feb. 2
- Busy planning for the Gala, their biggest fund-raiser. It will be at Oasis again this year on Sat., April 22

Pastor's Report – Father Fister

- Fireside going well. A speaker from the Jewish community spoke last evening. It was lively and well received.
- Our Deanery had the first public, official reorganizing meeting for the diocese in early January to discuss where our diocese is and where it needs to go. Lots of good information was shared.
- Father clarified Bishop Stowe's role with New Ways Ministry. He is NOT their advocate. He is just going to speak on the Catholic church's teachings to them.
- The annual Men's Retreat was last weekend and went very well. 21 men attended. Father got to join them on Friday evening.
- Overall, Father said we have so much to be grateful for at Annunciation.
- Though there was no interest in the "group" RCIA this year, Father is meeting individually with 5 separate men who will join the church when "ready." They have all been baptized already.

There was no old business that wasn't covered in the above and no new business.

Motion to adjourn. The next meeting will be February 25, 2017 at 7pm.