

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, March 5, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

Council members present: Fr. Wittman, Greg Stoks, John Lang, Brian Luce, Dave Mulcrone, Jim Weiler, Don Beno, Brenda Henning, Diane Lee, Kathy Kupfer, Donna Lane and Fred Jurewicz

Absent: Mike Kittock, Patty Schmaltz, Jim Fiedler

Guest: Marco Soto

Opening Prayer: Fr. Wittman

Fr. Wittman: Father said he would interject comments as needed, into the general agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Past Meeting Minutes: Kathy Kupfer noted that under Garrick Comeaux, it should have stated "not present." The word "priest" should be deleted. Donna Lane motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Kathy Kupfer seconded. Motion Approved.

February Comments

Don Beno commented that several people told him they tried to call to be added to the funeral choir and did not receive calls back. Fr. Wittman stated there was a large response to combining the choirs for a funeral choir, approximately 20 people.

Greg Stoks: Combined all parish comments by grouping similar questions under topic headers. The final product resulted in nineteen pages of comments. Brian Luce suggested we revise the document with updated responses and distribute to parishioners in some form. Greg stated he would display updated responses in blue font under the previous responses that were noted in red. Greg will add the disclaimer from the cover to each page to remind parishioners that responses were based on the best understanding at the time. Council members discussed how best to distribute. It was decided that 50 copies would be printed for each church, the document would be posted to the website, and if needed, additional copies would be run. We need to consider the costs to copy in color and not print more than needed.

John Lang mentioned there is usually half of a box of extra bulletins at St. Mary's each week-end.

Administration Updates: Diane Lee

Judy Rein, Patty Schmaltz and I met with Mike Halloran from the Stewardship group from the archdiocese. I think it gave us hope that stewardship is not just about money. While many people think stewardship means only treasure, it actually encompasses time, talent, and treasure. He spoke about hospitality as a starting point and using the stewardship symbol to welcome people. We are continuing to look for committee members to mainly support our hospitality goals!

The Winterfest occurred with 299 people in attendance. The Irish Fest is coming up on March 10 and tickets are still available. The Marystown Festival is August 18th and the Julifest is the last weekend in July. We are continuing with our parish traditions and that is wonderful! We are encouraging support of all events and cross parish affiliation so that people will work and donate to all events.

St. Mark's old school costs: Income less expenses is \$36,000 in the red. We have a water softener that needs repair. We need to decide if we will do that project or not. We now have a temporary fix for the broken pipe on the 2nd boiler that will be repaired after the heating season. This temporary solution will give us additional

security if the first boiler goes down. Catholic mutual inspected all church buildings. We passed this inspection with several small things that need repair.

We are reviewing the possibility of moving all parish employees into the office area by the doors. We are getting a bid on putting a door directly to the outside which means parishioners could come right into the office.

Financial report: Collection is down but we have reserves if needed. The Logos software wrap-up should happen within the week.

Greg Stoks will be working with the communications committee on a shared volunteer sign up for festivals and the calendar sale. It was decided a signup sheet will be placed in the bulletin.

Lenten Retreat greeters: March 7th: Diane Lee, Donna Lane, Greg Stoks. March 14: Kathy Kupfer, Donna Lane and Fred Jurewicz.

Dick Stoks reported from the building/maintenance committee. Each site has prioritized repair projects. The group will present the findings to the finance committee for input. More data is needed.

Motion was made to notify the finance committee (Diane Lee will do so) regarding the need to finalize the building project list, identify timelines and recommend potential funding sources. Motion carried.

Brenda Henning recommended that we let people know that weekly envelope donations are strictly for operations.

Don recommended that we elect officers for the council. Greg Stoks was nominated by John and Don seconded. Motion carried. Brian Luce was nominated for vice chair by Donna and seconded by John. Motion carried. Kathy Kupfer was nominated for secretary by Greg and seconded by Dave. Motion carried.

Donna Lane spoke in support of the Loaves and Fishes Program. The council expressed its continued support of the program and ministry.

Greg asked for feedback on the pulpit speech. Brian said it was well received. Many spoke about the positive nature of the speech and parishioners seemed happy to hear the updates. Marco Soto asked if the speech had been translated into Spanish. Greg gave the speech to Fr. Merrill but did not know if it had been translated into a written document. Marco offered to translate pertinent documents for the Spanish community.

Greg asked about defining roles of the council. Diane said she would distribute a document that outlines council roles as well as financial committee roles.

Closing Prayer: Don Beno

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Council members want to welcome any parishioners that would like to attend parish council meetings. Below are the upcoming year meeting dates, times and location.

- April 2nd, 7pm @ St. Mark's Meeting Room
- May 7th, 7pm @ St. Mark's Meeting Room

- June 4th , 7pm @ St. Mark's Meeting Room
- July or August Meetings TBD.