



Parish of Saints Joachim and Anne

Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Father Erik Lundgren, Father Peter Hughes, Julie Bennett, Tom Courchene, Molly Dose, Tom Dyrhaug, Brian Kane, Brian Luce, Roxanne Pieper, Patty Schmaltz, Carter Sharp, Marco Soto, John Weckman, Anna Brekke

Trustees: Fred Jurewicz, Dick Stoks

Absent: Mark Bury

Guest: John Hogan, Larry Link, Jim Moriarty, Anne Marie and Scott Phippen

Opening Prayer: Father Erik Lundgren

Opening Comments: “Sinners are in no trouble starting December 5, 2015.” Saturday December 5, 2015 there will be a reconciliation service at St. Mark’s Church. This will start at 8:00am and will go all day.

A purchase agreement has been signed for St. Mark’s School and 3 parking lots in the amount of \$650,000.00 – thus entering a 60 day period of due diligence. Mark Thistle of Mosaic Properties, a development and management company in Eden Prairie, MN would be the potential new owner. We should know by the end of December if he intends to follow through with the purchase.

The St. Mary’s Rectory has a family moving in on November 15, 2015 (renting).

The offices of the Parish Center at St. Mark’s Campus have a potential rental opportunity. The Laboure Society exists to provide financial assistance and spiritual support to individuals who must resolve student loans in order to pursue a vocation to the priesthood and/or religious life in the Catholic Church and they toured this space.

Approval of Minutes: The October Parish Council meeting did not take place due to the special meeting with Bishop Hebda that was held at Pax Christi Church. No minutes to approve.

Parish Communications: There is a kneeler at St. Mary’s Church that is in need of repair. John Hogan said he will take care of this issue.

There were many good comments made for the St. Mary’s 150th celebration that was held on October 25th 2015.

Parish Communication Log: Welcoming new parish members is still in the works. Having gatherings in the past has not been successful. Molly Dose would like to research what other

parishes do to welcome their new members. Cathy Wideman will be a resource to contact for potential new members. Carter Sharp and Tom Dyrhaug offered to help Molly with this initiative.

Parish Administrative Updates: Julie Bennett

- Financial Report – October collections for the parish have increased. Year-to- date collections is \$412,000.00 compared to last year of \$394,000.00
- The \$348,000.00 that was received for the property at St. Mary’s Campus will be used to pay down the (SACS) school loan debt. The balance of the school loan is \$105,000.00. The monthly payments will be restructured giving the school some relief on payments.
- Buildings and grounds –St. Mark’s cemetery and St. Mary’s of the Purification cemetery will have a Columbarium installed. Volunteers are working on getting the foundations in. A crane will be needed to erect the structures.
- October Mass numbers were down from last year by 34.

New Business:

- Children’s collection – requests have been made to add a children’s collection to the Masses.
- St. Mark’s Security system – tabled until January 2015.
- The new Parish logo is the Benedictine Cross. This can be seen in the St. Mark’s Church tower as well as the railings in the school. With the history of the Benedictine’s creating the parish many years ago it felt appropriate to use this as the logo.
- The St. Joachim and Anne Website – Nick Mabee has resigned as our communications specialist. Parishioner Tony Robran will be assisting with these responsibilities. Nick will help Tony with the transition.
- Eucharistic Minister for the 10:00am Mass at St. Mark’s Church – with the many parishioners attending this Mass there is a need for another Eucharistic Minister to cover the Parish center.
- With the approval of Bishop Hebda, the Tabernacle at St. Mary’s Church will be moved to the center of the sanctuary. This will unify this church with the other 2 churches. It will also make it easier for altar servers – Eucharistic ministers – lectors to fill in if needed. Training for these ministries will then be unified as well.
- Church Signs – we would like to have the three churches have signs that indicate - The Parish of St. Joachim and Anne and have the church name. The process of obtaining bids will be started.

Closing Prayer: Tom Dyrhaug

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m.

Council members welcome any interested parishioners to attend parish council meetings at St. Mark’s at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is January 5, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxanne Pieper