



Parish of Saints Joachim and Anne

Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

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

Trustees: Fred Jurewicz, Dick Stoks

Absent: Father Peter Hughes, Molly Dose

Guest: John Hogen, Julie Moran, Cathy Wideman

Opening Prayer: Father Erik Lundgren

Opening Comments: Father Erik is promoting the EFT (electronic funding transfer) for the parishioners of St. Joachim and Anne. This promotes consistent income for our parish. Currently only 20% of parishioners use this for their weekly contribution.

Sunday, January 31st is the start of Catholic Schools Week. The Sunday 10:00 AM Mass will be celebrated at the CEC. This is to show parish support for our Catholic School. There will be a pancake breakfast and open house following the Mass.

The recent Latin Mass was well attended with over 200 parishioners.

Guest Speaker: Julie Moran welcomes the support of our parish to the school. Enrollment has declined in the last 3 years. They're looking for ways to get new families enrolled. One way is by offering stay at home moms and dads to bring their children to the school for some fun events during January and February. On Tuesday, January 12 our current kindergarten students are welcome to invite a friend to join them at school from 9:30am – 1:00pm. SACS does offer student aid each year for those families who need tuition assistance.

Guest Speaker: Cathy Wideman has taken over more responsibility in sacraments of Baptism, weddings and adult education. She has assisted with wedding preparation since 2013. There have been 15 weddings in 2015 and have scheduled 11 weddings for 2016. Cathy has assisted with Baptisms since 2014. There were 109 baptisms in 2014 and 86 in 2015. Parish adult education has 3 Bible study classes with 45 parishioners attending. There are 4 adult Faith Formation sessions this year offered during the youth Faith Formation sessions at the CEC. The next session will talk about Holy Orders. There are 17 RCIA candidates in the current program. The Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Saturday, February 6th. The parish that brings the largest group of women will get a WINE session free of charge. WINE is Women In the New Evangelization. The first WINE event for the parish of Saints Joachim and Anne will be Sunday January 24th. The Catholic Watchman is the diocese Catholic Men's conference to be held February 27th at the University of St. Thomas. World Marriage day will be February 14th and this year will include a Cana Dinner on the February 13th. Cathy and Father Peter will be working together to recruit volunteers for the various ministries of the parish.

Approval of Minutes: Carter Sharp made a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2015 parish council meeting. Motion was seconded by Patty Schmaltz. Motion carried. The minutes were approved.

Parish Communications: There are concerns from parishioners regarding the parking at St. Mary's Church. This was discussed by council and council members feel parking is adequate at this time. The microphones are not working properly at St. Mary's Church. Father Erik has agreed that the microphone is not easy to work with. Father Erik will be checking into a new head set.

Parish Communication Log: The welcoming committee is still working on their project.

Parish Administrative Updates: Julie Bennett

- Financial Report – Christmas collections totaled about \$82,000.00. 2015 contribution statements will be going out soon.
- Buildings and grounds – The Columbariums will be installed in the 2 cemeteries this spring. Marystown had the tile floors deep cleaned. There is a large TV screen in the Marystown parish center to view Mass when the church is full. This was used for the Christmas Mass. All Christmas Masses were well attended. The CEC had 1,150 and Marystown had 700 in attendance. The buyer for St. Mark's School is requesting an extension to March 31st. Due to the holidays and constructions bids they will need more time. If the sale does not go through we will need to reassess the school for repairs.
- The Parish Directory is still having issues with the data portion. This is on our end. It will take 7 weeks for printing once all information has been received.
- The Calendar Raffle drawing will take place the week of 1/11/16.
- The Laboure Society will make a decision regarding their interest in renting the St. Mark's Parish Center Offices.
- Homebound Communion – a new schedule for volunteers needs to be made for January. John Weckman has the list of parishioners in need of homebound communion.

New Business:

- A small snow blower is still needed for the St. Mary's campus. The snow blower at the St Mary's Campus location is very old and is not working. John Hogen will get pricing for a new snow blower right away.
- A discussion on Strategic Planning and reviewing the Grow Goals. Tabled for a later date.

Closing Prayer: Brian Kane

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Council members welcome any interested parishioners to attend parish council meetings held at St. Mark's parish center starting at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

February 2, 2016

March 1, 2016

April 5, 2016

May 3, 2016

June 7, 2016

July 5, 2016 (date subject to change)

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxanne Pieper