

Parish Council Meeting 4/23, 2007

Present: Dan Miller, Bill Stephan, Joe Hajduk, Bob Kierski, Len Sargent, Patty Nordling, Bill Schmelling, Dottie Knutson

Absent: Nancy Waldbillig

Others: Father Dennis, Mark Wood

Opening Prayer: Father Dennis

Stewardship:

- Town Hall meeting tomorrow night
- Additional resources available for next year – financial
- Bill Stephan – programs out there that tap into traditions
- Counter the compartmentalization of the community/church – faith formation, liturgy, social justice, etc.
- Need a direction to follow for faith formation and stewardship in general – new candidates are active and involved
- Taking little steps, but continuing to move forward
- How do we move forward:
 - Separate committee – finance and pastoral council
 - Let committee establish the goals and timelines
 - “Life of Gratitude” – perhaps a focus for the first steps
 - Define steps/stages and then continue to stress the stages as you progress along the way. Revisit stage one and continue to reaffirm as you move forward
 - Do we continue to move down this road if we don’t see a financial return?
 - This program should not have a negative impact on the budget
 - The goal is changing the culture of the parish
 - Money part should be last – those involved are committed and will engage in stewardship
 - Those things that we plan to do currently are in the budget and can piggy back on things we would normally do – we can shift and provide direction/focus
 - Need to focus on the spirituality of the community

Interview Candidates:

- Carol Kelzenberg –
- Ron Groves –
- Chandler Paul Bursey -
- Dottie Knutson -

Parish Council – New membership/Appointments

- Motion - Recommend that we change the process (previously new council starts in June with election of new officers) to begin new council in May. Election of officers in May. Motion carried.
- Motion - Recommendation to approve new applicants/candidates. Motion approved. Motion carried.

March Minutes – Motion to approve minutes.

- Change February Minutes “moved” by Len versus “approved” by Len.

Finance Information – Mark

- Finances are stabilizing
- Request to keep ears open in Town Hall meeting – need to know ASAP the feedback from meeting so budget can be adjusted.
- May need to adjust staff support – should be able to meet staff support needs that currently aware of.
- Current numbers are incumbent staff – need to add dollars in for new staff
- New budget draft will be available in May – Finalized in June
- Do not anticipate any major shortfalls – revenues and expenditures are in line. Mark looking for any red flag items. Currently the budget looks right. Currently revenue looks good and expenses may be a little fat right now.
- Let Mark know about anything that looks wrong.
- Things are going very well.

Concern over next meeting date being Memorial Day – move to Monday, May 21.

Joint Meeting w/ Finance Council in June – Third Tuesday in June (June 19th)

Sound issues:

Jon brought out several contractors to evaluate the sound system in the social hall:

- Suggestion to move speakers
- New material expensive – sound dampening
- Carpet around the outside of the room
- \$12,000 bid for sound dampening material 1280sq ft

Motion to Adjourn – 9:13PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Miller