

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 5, 2016

PRESENT: Fr. Khoi, Susie Nix, Suzan Tugman, Margie Poole, Dave Poole, Mike Richter, Tom Peoples, Elizabeth Casteen Tammy Gerstner

- I. Capital Campaign
  - a. We need to have \$140,000 in the bank before we can start the renovations. We currently have \$18,533 paid up front, \$62,480 in the bank, and \$40,333 in pledges.
  - b. Council agreed a to request pledges be made by the end of May.
  - c. Council discussed and agreed we would do a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection once a month for the Capital Campaign. This would help those parishioners who feel uncomfortable doing a monthly pledge, but would like to contribute when they can.
  - d. Fr. put another \$1200 back into savings. We have \$90,000 in the general fund and \$11,500 in maintenance fund. All other money will now go toward the Capital Campaign.
  - e. Fr. suggests a visual, like a giant thermometer, so the parish can see our progress on the Capital Campaign.
  - f. The contract with the architect has been finalized with the Diocese. They do extensive background checks.
  - g. We will pray for the success of the Capital Campaign during the Prayer of the Faithful.
  - h. We will have two more town hall meetings to talk with the architect regarding improvements.
- II. Repairs and Updates around the Church
  - a. Ceiling – has been finished.
  - b. Fr. will contact someone about the bee problem we have around the large stain glass in front of the church.
- III. Vacation Bible School
  - a. We have received donations of \$70 from United; and several gift cards.
  - b. Registration will be open on the St. Jude Website.
  - c. Students grades K-5.
  - d. \$10 fee if the participant wants a t-shirt.
- IV. Family Fun Day
  - a. June 19 (Father's Day)
  - b. Will be open to all 3 parishes.
- V. 2 Seminarians will be her June 1 thru the end of July.
  - a. Fr. wants them to be active in the parish.
  - b. Activities the seminarians can participate in include
    - i. Bible study
    - ii. Visiting the sick and elderly
    - iii. Other ideas???
- VI. We will be having several activities for youth during the summer.
  - a. Burgers at the Bowling Alley on June 25.

- b. Tacos at the Trampoline Park on July 23.
  - c. Movie Night at the Theater on August 20
  - d. JAM will meet 1 x per month.
  - e. SNL Youth will meet 2x per month.
- VII. New Parish Council Members
- a. Elizabeth Casteen
  - b. Mary Brady
  - c. Heather Whited
- VIII. Other Businesses:
- a. Ideas on how to increase youth participation
    - i. Tom Peoples proposed combining activities with other parishes
  - b. Margie Poole – Activities to rejuvenate the adults in the parish.
    - i. Acts Retreat has significantly increased members in Windthorst.
    - ii. CHIRP Retreat – costs less, but a lot of work for the Parish.
  - c. Fr. offers a challenge to create a feeling of connectivity to the community as well as a life of faith.
    - i. Fr. is looking at continuing Adult Bible study Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings. In the Fall, the parish will have shorter study sessions so people don't feel so overwhelmed with a long-term commitment.
    - ii. Fr. will host catechesis night – 1 x per month.
    - iii. Mike Richter suggested offering a program for couples – on financial planning.
    - iv. Fr. talked about Re-Focus: Couples take a short inventory test, talk about their results, then break into small groups for further discussion. It promotes and creates a stronger commitment to marriage.
    - v. Dave Poole said we need someone in the Parish to really take on and pump up these activities.
  - d. There are more younger couples coming to 11AM Mass.
  - e. Fr. talked about his 3-year plan for our Parish.
    - i. Year 1: Focus on Community
    - ii. Year 2: Focus on Discipleship – strengthening the Liturgy. He wants to end Mass with a 5-10 Adoration 1 x per month on a regular basis.
    - iii. Year 3: Give back to the Community.
  - f. Joint Pastoral/Financial Council meeting June 2.

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned