

## St. Joseph Parish Council Minutes

October 15, 2015

Present: Fr. Brian; Priscilla Bradley; Kevin Busch; Valerie Mullen; Shari Russell; John Weidinger

Absent: Chris Fischer; Geri Comstock

Adoration: Deacon Pat Bradley proposed closing Adoration on First Fridays with Vespers and Benediction. This would require a change in schedule and the presence of a priest or deacon. Liturgical garments would have to be the color of the day or white. Father offered to purchase these. Deacon Pat would like help from the Women's Guild and the Knights to ensure attendance of at least 40 people.

The parish Council endorsed Deacon Pat's proposal. There will be inserts in the bulletin to inform parishioners of the change.

Evangelization: Deacon Pat will give the homily the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. Business cards with the regular and Christmas services schedule will be available to all adults with the idea of giving them to friends, etc. to invite them to join us.

Fr. Brian plans to send out Christmas cards to invite people to join us for our Christmas services. Something similar will be done for Easter.

After a vetting process, newspaper and TV may be used for evangelization.

Mount Angel Seminary offers Earthen Vessels and Living Paschal Mystery retreats. This is something to be considered after Lent for parishioners.

Hall Expansion: Fr. Brian has been given a cost breakdown for adding to the front of the hall. The parish would lose the use of the hall during this expansion. Tim Welch can offer a 6,000 sq. ft. building (shell) out back. A cement floor could be laid in the spring. It could also serve as a place where seniors and others could walk.

### Miscellaneous Business:

- Josh Haxton, new youth minister, will be here soon. Fr. would like parish youth to sing at Masses.
- Dean Loberg will be the new custodian. Fr. Brian expects upkeep of the church plant will greatly improve.
- A shed is needed to store equipment.
- Parish has had a professional service to plow in the winter. Fr. Brian offered his truck and plow. "Have truck, will plow. "
- The problem of hot water in the restrooms was again brought up. Fr. Brian had not been aware of the problem. He will put it on Dean Loberg's to do list.

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for November 19, time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Mullen