

Parish Council Meeting 7.5.2016

Opening Prayer:

Stewardship:

The solution is to teach true Christian Stewardship—to **change not just peoples' behavior but also their hearts through the power of Scripture and the Sacraments**. No age group, income level or demographic is exempt from this need. (see article)

- The proper priorities of our time talent and treasure: ***Seek first the Kingdom of God and all this will be given to you.***
 - Time: We need more definite commitment from parishioners to commit their time to:
 - Daily prayer for the parish
 - Weekend participation in the Liturgies
 - Prayer Meetings
 - Talents: Each parishioner needs to use their talents to help with the parish.
 - What are your talents?
 - Parish needs
 - **Finances:** Winnie needs help with the finances. We need an office manager to help take care of the finances, filing, and other secretarial duties.
 - **Technology:**
 - Help work on Website, fix printers (or just get a new one), and plan for the new internet connection.
 - **Cleaning:** The whole parish facility needs to be cleaned and organized.
 - Basement: kitchen, pantry, and store room all need to be cleaned out so we can see what needs to be done and then do it.
 - Lots of arts and crafts things need to be identified and stored in one place
 - The catechetical resources need to be identified as useful and stored
 - The office needs to be organized and cleaned.
 - Grounds keeping needs to be kept up.
 - We need someone to do the laundry for the parish.
 - **Catechetical Help**
 - To offer to help teach and witness to the faith
 - To grow and develop your own faith through attending Bible Study
 - **Parish wish list:**
 - Bed, futon, recliner, office desk with hutch, office chair, smart tv, rolling tv stand, wireless key board,

Finances: See Year End Report for 2015 – 2016

- This does not include many of the donations ***In Kind*** which are not yet recorded. We have to talk to Fr. Ross on how those are to be recorded.

Liturgy:

- I would like to make the room aside the Mary Chapel the sacristy.
 - All liturgical items will be stored there: books, vestments, candles, etc.
 - I will order a cloths hanger for all the vestments with shelves on it.
- I will plan on coming the 2nd Sunday of every month and stay a week if possible
 - Mass at 11:00 AM on Sunday
 - Mass at 5:00 PM on Sunday for workers
 - Bible study to follow (if you think this works)
 - That Saturday afternoon will be a work day for the parish.

Church Hall:

- Until we decide on the basement, to use the upstairs large room as a gathering space.
 - It needs to be cleaned and organized.

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Church Building:

- We have to decide upon the future of church building. We have three options:
 - **To completely remodel and restore existing building**
 - Ron the insurance adjuster came on Saturday and did a thorough inspection of the damage done by the flood.
 - If we go through with the insurance claim they will restore the hall and kitchen which means a complete remodel of the whole downstairs including a completely renovated kitchen, pantry, and hall area. I suspect the cost of such a complete remodel will be greater than \$50,000.
 - This does not include fixing the problem of flooding which can happen again in the future.
 - If we remodel the church basement would we want to remodel the whole facility?
 - **Sell existing Church and rent another building**
 - Due to the high cost of maintenance and also the fuel expense to keep the building heated during winter, it was suggested that we sell the existing building now to save money on those expenditures.
 - **Sell existing Church and build a new facility**
 - If we plan to sell the existing building, we will need a plan for a new building and also hire an architect.
 - **Old Minutes: September 17, 2007 St. Francis Xavier Parish Council Meeting** the sale of parish property at 160 A, B and C 2nd Ave. was discussed. The council has given the proposal to sell this property consideration and has unanimously voted in favor of its being sold. Recognizing that a transaction of this size must meet with Bishop Kettler's approval we wish to submit our proposal to sell the property to his office. Our parish council recognizes Bishop Kettler and his Diocesan Finance Council's discernment on this matter and patiently awaits his decision. Fr. Sean Thomson
- See brochure: Into the Future
- On file we have 2 Plans
 - Plan 4: Lucy's Plan
 - Plan 3: 12:30:13
- As far as I know, we have everything in order to approach the Diocese for approval of a plan. We have several plans in place, we have been given the name of an architect, Joanna Croft, and we have approval for a new building since 2007.
 - What we need to decide now is:
 - Are we ready to commit to this project?
 - Do our own fundraising to help with this project
 - Clean out existing parish
 - Help write for grants for this project
 - We have to become true stewards of our parish.