

Parish Council Meeting August 28, 2011

Members present: Kate Bycroft, Martha Marcotte, Ken Stonebraker, Dan Sellars, Dave Stueve, Jeff Ostmeyer, Mary Ellen Muninger, Brandon Ebert, Cindy Snavely and Sister Rose

Members absent: Brian Ring

Sister opened the meeting with a prayer

Kate asked for any corrections to the June council meeting. No corrections were noted. Mary Ellen moved to accept the minutes and Brandon seconded.

Kate then asked for additions to the agenda. Dave asked to speak about the Altar Server Training DVD. Kate also would add a few items.

Stewardship of Hope

Sister asked the council to review the Stewardship of Hope process and offer suggestions to improve the program. Several topics were discussed and Sister Rose will share their ideas with Father Frank.

Finance Board

Kate had the council review the August Finance Board meeting minutes. There was some discussion on when the church's guttering was to be completed and the counter top replacement for the Rectory. Jeff stated that the construction quote for the counter top repair would hold if the project was delayed. The council felt the guttering a priority and would be completed first with the kitchen project later in the fiscal year. Dan then noted that Ken Ebert, along with Steve Brown and JJ O'Connor, would be presenting a 30-45 minute informational meeting on charitable endowments on September 19th. Dan stated that a lot of time and effort was put into this presentation and would like council's support and encouragement. Parishioners would be given information and an invitation to participate in the seminar. Finally, Sister reported that the Diocese will conduct a general audit in November.

Election of Vice President

Brandon Ebert was nominated to be the parish council's vice president by Cindy. Dan seconded the motion and the nomination passed.

Commission Reports:

Parish Life/Family Life

Cindy reported that the home visits for new parishioners this summer just was not feasible. Instead there will be a welcoming breakfast for new members with the parish council invited to attend. The next breakfast will be sometime in October.

CYO

Brandon reported that the kids are getting ready for the National CYO convention and just recently had a fund raising breakfast. The CYO members are also going to give parishioners the opportunity to buy “stock” in a student. When you purchase “a share” the money will be used to fund the cost of the convention and in return, the student will give you a presentation on their experience at the meeting.

No other commission reports were given.

Other items:

Kate reported that Nathan Swenson approached her concerning parish support for Habitat for Humanity. Although there is no formal out reach program in our church, Brandon suggested that Kate should have Mr. Swenson contact the Knights of Columbus for possible assistance. Finally, Kate mentioned that Tiffany Wells would be handing out information about a tri-parish organization called Faith Full Families. Sister noted that there was a handout in the bulletin this weekend on the program.

Dave announced that the Altar Server Training DVD has been completed and is already being used by the students. Mary Ellen said it is wonderful and very helpful. The council thanked Dave for his hard work on initiating and completing this project.

Next council meeting will be Sunday September 18th

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Grace Leu-Burke