

ST PATRICK'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 13th, 2011

Members Present: *Father Kuhn, Deacon John, Mike Farrey, , Sharon Clark, Jeff Spangler , Pat Joyce, Terry Peterson, and Greg Bergenske, Julie Spangler, Kirk Stowers, and Principal Colley.*

Approval of Agenda: *Agenda was approved as written.*

Approval of the Minutes: *Minutes were approved as written.*

Commission/Committee Reports

FINANCE COUNCIL: *Year end and end of July financials were handed out. So far the church shows a deficit. Father reminded everyone that when there is a deficit, it comes out of the reserves and the reserves are limited. When the reserves are gone, there will be no money to distribute. Last year's results will go into the bulletin with an explanation of the loss.*

LITURGY COMMISSION: *On November 27th, we will begin using the Roman Missal. We will also start learning the new Gloria. Christmas and New Years falls on a weekend this year. Therefore, All Masses will be as our regular schedule: 4:00 PM on Saturday and 7:30 and 9:00 AM on Sunday. The scheduling of the envelopes was questioned. Why couldn't the "special collections" be spread out over the month? The Parish has nothing to do with scheduling. The Diocese makes that decision. It was also asked if we could provide some general information about the building fund envelope.*

SCHOOL COMMISSION: *The year has started out well. Enrollment has increased from last year. We now have 71 students enrolled in our school. Last year we started with a roster of 64. From that 8 students have graduated, 4 students did not return for this year and we added 19 new students. It is noted that 14 of those students are in the new P4J program. We also welcome a new teacher for this school year. Mrs. Patricia Koch replaced Mrs. Jenna Eden in the middle school. We also purchased new math books for all grades K-8 for 2011-2012 school years. A donation will pay for over 2/3 of that cost. Through Market Day funds, we have purchased a new mobile science cart and several science kits. We have also started painting the school in specific areas to brighten it up. We have also started a Before and After school program.*

Religious education report: Confirmation will be celebrated Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:00 PM at St Williams with Bishop Morlino. It will be all 5 cluster Parishes with 134 Confirmandis. Our Catechist meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14th. Our Catechists this year are as follows: Pre/K – Laine Jackson, 1st grade – Erin Willger, First Communion – Karen Forst, 3rd grade – Lisa Schyvinck, 4th/5th grade – Art Clark and Lou Lechnir, 6th grade – Tina Reinke, 7th/8th grade – Beth Pickart, 9th grade – Jeff Spangler, 10th grade – Pat and Margaret Anderson, and Confirmation – Greg Bergenske. Classes begin September 28th.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMISSION: *There was no report. Water damage to the foundation of the school was reported. They will inform Rick about the problem.*

VOCATIONS COMMITTEE: *The Chalice is booked up through December, but you are still encouraged to volunteer to pray for vocations.*

JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION: *The GIFTS men's shelter will open for its fifth season on the second Sunday in October. The St Patrick and Asbury United Methodist faith communities will provide food and shelter for homeless men at Asbury Church facilities, 1810 Kellogg Ave., for two weeks – October 23rd – 29th 2011 and April 15th – 22nd 2012. Volunteers are needed to help in preparation and serving of the meals. We also need one man each of the seven nights to sleep over at the shelter. Monetary donations are also needed to buy food and other shelter necessities.*

TRUSTING IN THE SPIRIT *There was a meeting on August 29th. Our original plan that was submitted to the Diocese was turned down and we were asked to come up with a plan to link or merge. The Priests in the cluster want to link. The Council was given an assignment to come up with the most ideal Parish to link with. Some criteria for figuring the better link would be the number of envelope carrying parishioners there are in each Parish and the number of students in their school. Another criteria would be similarities, liturgy, and the distance between the Parishes. Sharon Clark will ask Cheryl to call all 5 Parishes in the cluster to get the numbers for the committee and type them up and mail them to each council member. The committee will meet on October 11th in the auditorium at 6:30 to make a decision and give it to Father for his meeting.*

OLD BUSINESS

The first weekend in November, Jeff Spangler will start his classes for the Mass changes. He has decided to split it in two lessons – 1) Why liturgy (understanding the Mass) and 2) site the

changes. Aids for following the new changes will put at the end of each pew for the Parishioners. All 5 Parishes have ordered the same aids.

NEW BUSINESS

The Hispanic rep has asked to have an additional Spanish Mass the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:00 PM. Father okayed it.

Awakening in the Faith will start again on Oct 8th, 15th, and 22nd, and Nov 5th, 12th, and 19th at St. Williams.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Nov 8th, at 6:30 in the school auditorium,

Prayers for the next meeting: Opening: Greg Bergenske Closing Prayer: Art Clark

This report was respectfully submitted by Sharon Clark, Secretary.

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO PARISH MEMBERS