

Parish Council Minutes - - Tuesday May 14, 2013

St. Mathias Church – Hampton – Parish Center Conference Room

The meeting was opened with prayer by Father Stan at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call: Father Stan, Mary Bray, Bill Nelson, Renee Otte, Chris Kirby and Rhonda Rother. Ashley Gergen and Lisa Rosenbaum were absent.

New member - - Renee Otte

Prayers were said for Andy Wellman, parish revitalization, farmers (good weather etc.), Bob Grams and Joanie Dubisar..

No approval of March minutes.

The agenda was sent via mail.

Docket item: Bill Nelson asked about continuation of Rediscover initiative. A rally type meeting is planned by the Archdiocese at the River Centre on October 12th.

Maintenance:

Church: Ground saturation by the church caused some damage to tiles and baseboard in church. Looking at Possible solutions to improve drainage - - probably this summer. We are also going ahead with the retaining wall project. Brick is disintegrating due to water.

Parish Center: Sewer pipe collapsed on the south side down to the road. Old pipe was dug up and replaced. This cost was covered by the parish for about \$3700. The water damage in the basement was covered by the insurance and we will pay the \$1000 deductible. Some of the items downstairs may have been damaged but carried little or no value. A listing pine tree was also removed.

School: Some water seepage due to the large snow pile melting. We have placed a sump pump to help with drainage.

Liaison Reports: None- Renee asked to get a listing of who does which liaison report.

Matthew Davis has resigned and Father Stan is meeting with him to set the last date possible as May 15th. He needs to get back items given him by parishes to assist in his position. Five parish/four high schools is just too overwhelming to handle effectively.

Youth Ministry will be in a different model going forward. We need to find energetic person/couple that could lead the youth in each parish. They would hold meetings weekly and plan some joint activities with the other parishes in our cluster such as Valley Fair Outings, Mission trips, etc.

Financial report: the financial report was given by Rhonda Rother. The Parish is well funded and staying in the black.

Budget was presented and approved. We will need to adjust the Youth Minister salary and possibly increase the maintenance and faith formation salaries. A motion was made by Bill Nelson for approval and seconded by Mary Bray.

Some ideas for the best way to meet people in the parish - - long ago the priest would visit parishioners and conduct an updated census. We need to contact all our parishioners and reach out to them. We need to continue to call parishioners (not just the ones we know, but all the names on the list) to see what we are doing that is good, what they see the parish doing and what the parish can do to be more effective in its ministry.

The Hampton parish has an opportunity to reach out to the Hampton community. This area is high in transient people who are in need of some assistance. We have about \$3000 to spend on this type of project. Some ideas were to have a picnic (hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.) in a public park (neutral territory) where it does not seem like we are pushing the church) with games. We could possibly sponsor kickball or t-ball in the community in conjunction with the Hampton Boosters if they are still viable. Try to keep the planned events going maybe one a month or every other month.

Pastor's time: A trustee meeting is coming up at either the Cathedral or Hayden Center. Parish council members were invited by Father Stan to attend as well.

Father also encouraged the members to fill out the Capital Campaign survey online at [Http://study.archsprn.org](http://study.archsprn.org). The deadline is May 24th to compete.

Father brought up the issue of possibly subsidizing St. John's School to reduce the assessment that St. Mathias would have to pay with the new calculation. It would be about \$24,000 to get a 1% reduction on the assessment.

St. Mathias is scheduled for a parish visitation in October. In August the preliminary documentation needs to be started. Father Lachowitzer, pastor at St. John Neumann in Eagan will most probably be coming. The final document is a one page report to the Archdiocese. Then as a free service we will have access to Grow, a proposal of how we can grow our parish.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Rhonda Rother.