

## **Parish Council Minutes - - Wednesday, November 6, 2013**

### **St. Mathias Church – Hampton – Parish Center Conference Room**

The meeting was opened by Father Stan Mader at 7:40 p.m. with a prayer.

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

Renee Otte made a motion and Mary Bray seconded to approve the August 27, 2013 meeting minutes with the following correction. Date for April Parish Council meeting is April 29, 2013. Motion passed.

It was brought up to have the minutes from the Parish Council posted to the St. Mathias website. Rhonda will check with John Wiik to get this accomplished.

The financial sheet was presented which is four months into the new year. Scholarship to St. John's has been paid for those students that requested financial assistance from St. Mathias. Rhonda is still waiting on a confirmation letter from St. Joseph School in Rosemount for the students attending there that were approved for assistance.

We have a potential renter of two classrooms in the school. Discussion was held regarding the rent and other factors in the school. Catholic Mutual said the building is safe. We would only have to address the paint issue if it were peeling or blistering as it may contain lead. The recommended rate suggested by an outside source is 15-25% of fee charged by daycare.

Due to the fact that there is not a nominating committee, Father Stan presented the write ins for the parish council. Several members were discussed as possible candidates to fill the spots and others to represent St. Mathias in the Strategic Planning called GROW. Father Stan will begin calling the people on the list.

The parish visitation has been rescheduled to Thursday, December 5. The vicar will be Father Bob Hart from St. Patrick's in Inver Grove Heights that will be coming.

A greeter program has been started at St. Mathias. It seems to be well received and going very well. Diane Rother organized the greeters.

In future bulletins there will be section where a parishioner or supporting business is highlighted. It is another way to help people get to know their fellow parishioners.

Card Club was suggested. Maralee Rother is looking into it to see what night will work as there are other ongoing card clubs in the area.

The Youth group will be having a once a month get together. Perhaps using race track, playing cards etc. The target age group would be middle school students.

Another suggestion was to contact the Community Education in Hastings and see if they would like to have a basic computer lab using St. Mathias as a location.

CCW does not function as circles at St. Mathias. It does operate with five committees. The committees and chairpersons are:

Social Justice	Yvonne Arendt
Charitable Works	Diane Rother
Cleaning Committee	Margaret Staudt
Funeral Committee	Peg Thurmes
Hospitality	Kim Pirkl

No liaison reports were presented.

Parish Council calls to parishioners will commence again once the other committee members accept the post. IT is recommended that each parish council member call three families a month and ask a couple of questions. Some suggestions questions for the first go around will be:

1. Have you heard about GROW, the six month Strategic Planning Process our parish will be involved in starting November 19?  
-- if no, tell them it has a group of 10-15 parishioners working on a three-year plan which will look at facilities, education programs, our financial future, programs that are needed to meet changing needs, etc. Input from all parishioners will be solicited via surveys and probably a town hall meeting. A plan will be presented to parishioners in May.
2. How do the reports of the various scandals involving priests and actions/inactions of the Archdiocesan leadership surrounding them affect you?

The capital campaign for the archdiocese is now questionable with the media attention focused on the scandals with some priests conduct.

Next meeting dates are as follows: January 14, March 11 and April 29

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Rhonda Rother