

Parish Council Minutes - - Tuesday, September 30, 2014

St. Mathias Church – Hampton – Parish Center Conference Room

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

Roll call: Father Stan, Lori Nicolai, Jim Rother, Jim Heiman, Bill Nelson, Renee Otte, Lisa Rosenbaum and Rhonda Rother.

Approval of July minutes: Bill Nelson made a motion and Renee Otte seconded that the minutes be approved with the following corrections: profit of the five parish event was \$44,000, Reword the sentence about the entrance step to be "The Maintenance Committee recommended Frandrup Masonry to do the entrance steps and the parish will be acquiring a microphone for the lector's podium." Also note after next meeting date that the date is was later rescheduled for September 30th. Motion carried.

Election of new parish council officers will be done at the next meeting.

Financial report: The income was \$41,520 and the expenses were \$8,336 with a net income of \$33,184 for the month of August. This was mostly due to the Fun Fest. The live auction was a huge success and brought in \$17,565.

No docket items.

Maintenance: Issue one - the church steps. We received two bids to replace and rebuild the front entrance steps and one bid to attach to the existing steps. The thinking was that at some time the steps were widen and the original steps underneath may be sound and able to build off them.. Holes were bored and it found that 6 inches down they found a void and then hit cement again. An Engineer looked at it as well. This will be reconsidered in the spring.

Issue Two - West windows and east door to church basement. Bids were gotten to repair the west basement windows and replace the east door to church basement.

There are maintenance issues in the school, but at this time we are looking into forming a committee to do a study to see if we fix the old building, replace with a new structure or look for a building in town such as the Black Stallion to accommodate some of our needs.

Father Stan also discussed new plans for safety of children. Currently people who volunteer with children require a background check, safe environment training (Virtus) and annually sign a code of conduct. The new plans are still in flux, but will likely require a code of conduct with broader implications, a background check every 3-5 years, and probably an update on Virtus training that can be taken online. Other reports and discussions were held – a DRAFT copy (unadopted) of minutes will be scanned and e-mailed to the council.

Father Stan went over a PowerPoint display on the structure of the church as far as offices, required councils and some of the duties of the councils.

Jim Rother volunteered to be the new liaison for the Maintenance Committee, Charitable Works Committee and Cemetery Committee.

We will need a new liaison for the Social Justice committee. Yvonne Arendt is the contact person for the committee.

Liaison Reports: Lori Nicolai reported that the next Catholic United Financial Meeting is October 13th. She also reported on the Children's Liturgy. The Seeds program is working very well for them. Father Stan also reported that the CCD program has all teachers in place but could use a couple more aides in the larger classes.

Renee Otte reported that Hospitality Committee - not much is going on at this time. Kim Pirkl is the contact for this committee.

Father Stan showed some of the materials that NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) had sent to him in preparation for the October 27th program being presented at St. Mathias from 7-9 pm. Lori Nicolai also commented that she has been to a presentation and that the group is very knowledgeable and quite thorough in their presentation of their program.

Bingo nights are being planned. Parents who help out at the Bingo events will get free tuition for the faith formation program.

Some other recommendations for community events would be a Card Club.

It was also noted that the parish council bios and contact information be listed on the website. Rhonda will coordinate with webmaster to get this done as soon as the pastor's annual appointee is named. We will do this for the finance council as well.

We will set up a meeting to build on the GROW initiative started this summer.

The Archdiocese will restart the strategic plan by analyzing and recommending changes and needs. This will be driven by personnel. Possible appointment of life ministers in parish who do not have a priest assignment at the present time.

Father Stan also informed the council that the good news is that no priest has been accused of abuse while at St. Mathias and that St. Mathias Church has not been named in any accusations or lawsuits. Also that only 3 priests have cases against them since 1986, which is a sign that some of the implementations made by the Archdiocese are working.

Parish Council calls: The questions for the next round will be: 1. What do you think of the rotating Mass schedule? (Also, what Mass do you attend?) 2. What, if anything, should Fr. Stan be saying/writing about regarding any sexual abuse issues? 3. Have you heard about the October 27th community conversation about Mental Illness that St. Mathias is hosting?

The next Parish council meeting will be held November 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center conference room.

Respectively submitted, Rhonda Rother