

Pastoral Parish Council
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018 in Carlin Hall by Brad Gruhot.

Opening Prayer – Fr. Mark Steffl

Approval of Agenda – Approved

Approval of Minutes – Approved

Present

Parish Council Members: Father Mark Steffl, Brad Gruhot, Cindy Sanders, Mark Timmerman, Matt Weller, Dave and Margaret Olafson

Trustee: Michelle Full

Report of Committees

C.C.W. – Brad Gruhot for Sheryl Kaiser

- Christmas Cookie Walk will be Saturday, December 8. Cookies can be dropped off in Carlin Hall on Friday, December 7.
- Monday, December 10 is the joint meeting of C.C.W. and C.D.A.

Trustees/Finance Report – Michelle Full

- No report - Finance meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26

Pastors Report – Father Mark Steffl

- Capital Campaign – Reminder letters for outstanding pledges have been sent with a good response. Making progress on the capital campaign.
- DMA Video – This was shown before masses the weekend of November 17. Holy Redeemer typically has had a good response. Positive comments on method of displaying budget and collections in the bulletin. Collections vary as electronic payments are processed on the 15th and 30th of each month, the result will be some weeks appear to be behind the budget.
- Christmas Dinner – Father said Louise Van Leeuwe has volunteered to chair the dinner. It was asked if the dinner could be turned into a community event. The Armory does charge \$600 rent. Where does the money come from to sponsor the dinner? Most or all of the items are donated.

Old Business

No business to discuss

New Business

Area Faith Community (AFC) Council Discussion – Fr. Steffl

- Fr. Matt Wiering would like to have the opportunity to work together. Fr. Steffl noted this could standardize things and would give the parishes an opportunity to work more closely on programs. We would like to be US versus US instead of THEM versus US.
- Parish Council Members – Do you think other people would like to join the Council? Do we ask now or wait until more information is available on the AFC council? It was suggested to wait on recruiting new members until more information is available. Fr. Steffl will talk with Fr. Wiering about a joint meeting and when would be a good time to meet.

Ideas for Utilization of the Convent Building – Mark Timmerman

- There was some previous discussion on utilizing this space for organizations within the parish for meeting space.
- Mark showed a blueprint of the building and noted if anything was going to be done on this project, the next step would be to hire an engineer. No work could be done until that was completed.
- After reviewing the blueprint and discussing the condition of the building there wouldn't be any benefits in moving forward with this project at this time.
- Is there a separate heating bill for this building and what is the cost?
- If the Knights of Columbus were to use this space for meetings, would they be willing to pay a rent fee?

Fundraising for the Catholic School

- The Magazines and More fundraiser brings in about \$25,000 to the school. Are there other fundraiser ideas for the school? We need to keep fundraising for the school and the question is do we keep the current fundraiser or what other options are available? Marathon fundraisers have been successful in other parishes. What percentage of families are involved in the current fundraiser? The current SCRIP program is very labor intensive from purchasing certificates, selling, and then recording sales to each individual family.
- New fundraising ideas can be sent to Fr. Steffl or Quentin for review.

Addition of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program

- This is a Montessori based approach to Christian formation for children ages 3 – 5 year olds.
- Leanna Olsem is the teacher for this program and would like to add some additional classes.

Distribution of the workload after Liturgy coordinator resignation

- Anna Lenz will be responsible for putting the music together each week.
- Projection screen information is put together by Rachael Krueger.
- Other duties will be distributed among current staff members.

Catholic Preschool Program

- The lease for the Wee Care program is up for renewal at the end of this school year.
- Should Holy Redeemer have their own faith based preschool program?
- Do we need to change the curriculum to maximize the program to benefit the school?
- Fr. Steffl will be meeting with Heidi Aufenthie to discuss.

Parish Council Member Individual Items

Facility Strategy Plan – Dave Olafson

- Is there a 2 – 3 strategy plan for future projects? Dave volunteered to work with Quentin on compiling a list.

Medical Equipment – Cindy Sanders

- It was suggested to train ushers and perhaps the greeters on how to use the medical equipment located in the church.

Greeters – Cindy Sanders

- There is concern with the greeters and not having volunteers at all masses. Perhaps the roles and responsibilities need to be defined for ushers and greeters. How do we move forward?
- A question for Fr. Steffl was asking if he had greeters in other parishes he served. The answer was no.

Lenten Soup & Sermon Sessions – Margaret Olafson

- A parishioner asked if it would be possible to have speakers from local churches versus the video sessions. Fr. Steffl will talk with staff members on how/why this was changed?

Parish Security – Brad Gruhot

- There was a meeting held a few months ago with Rob Yant and a couple detectives. How should we be proactive on emergency situations? How can the ushers be utilized?
- What is the Diocese security policy?

Next Council Meeting – TBD

There will be no December meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Brad Gruhot.

Father Steffl led our closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Margaret and Dave Olafson