

Pastoral Parish Council
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018 in Carlin Hall by Brad Gruhot.

Opening Prayer – Brad Gruhot

Approval of Agenda – Approved

Approval of Minutes – Approved

Present

Parish Council Members: Father Paul Wolf, Brad Gruhot, Cindy Sanders, Mark Timmerman, Margaret Olafson, Joyce Beebout, Matt Weller and Dustin Vierstraete

Trustees: Doug Olsem and Michelle Full

Council of Catholic Women: Sheryl Kaiser

Staff Member – Quentin Brunsvold

Report of Committees

C.C.W. – Sheryl Kaiser

- Letters for dues were sent to 1,243 women of the parish 18 and over with a 40% response
- Money received from dues is used for projects within the parish – just think what could be done if a higher percentage of dues were received
- Collected \$520.00 from the Mission of Love event and sent to San Lucas Toliman Mission along with many hearts that can be redeemed for food and school supplies
- March 26 is the CCW general gathering for all women of the parish. Kandy Noles Stevens will be the speaker
- Region III Spring Gathering was rescheduled for April 3 in Minneota
- New Ulm Diocese Convention is Saturday, April 28 at St. Catherine's in Redwood Falls
- Spring Salad Luncheon will be Thursday, May 10 in Carlin Hall
- CCW gave gifts to confirmation students and will also give gifts to the RCIA candidates and First Communicants
- God's ABC books were given to kindergarten classes at Holy Redeemer
- CCW donated \$500 to the Spring Fling

- Actively looking for women of the parish to fill the open Board positions. Currently, the same women are serving on the Board for several terms because no one wants to commit to a Board position. If women aren't going to come forward the CCW organization may cease to exist at Holy Redeemer.
- Suggested to get time at each mass and have testimonials from current members and maybe this would interest new women to the group
- The two active groups for women in the parish are CCW and CDA – these are two separate groups and each have their own projects

Trustees/Finance Report – Doug Olsem and Michelle Full

- All departments are coming in ahead of planned budget and budget for next year is being discussed
- End of fiscal year is June 30

Pastors Report – Father Paul Wolf

- Father was called away from the meeting - his report will be given under other agenda items

Spring Fling – Quentin Brunsvold

- Bill Toulouse will serve as emcee – Brian Roers as speaker, Jordan Deutz as auctioneer and food will be catered from Bello's
- The Gesture website will be utilized again this year for auction items
- Funds raised from the Spring Fling will support security and technology needs
- Something new this year is the capability of purchasing Spring Fling dinner tickets via Holy Redeemer website – all is going well with this process

School Recruiting Update – Brad Gruhot

- The marketing group has folded and formed the recruiting group
- Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for March 20 with a potential for 30 to 35 students, 24 are returning families that have older siblings already enrolled

Old Business

Capital Campaign/Project Update – Quentin and Trustees

- The project bid date is April 15
- Parish is currently at 72% of the project goal at this time
- The first projects being worked on is the HVAC system, windows and restrooms – HVAC work will be started before the end of this school year
- Plan is to contact all parishioners that didn't pick up the fundraiser packet. There are 6 – 7 boxes of folders in Quentin's office if any council members are interested in assisting with campaign.
- All remaining folders will be mailed, with the hope of getting enough commitments from these names to cover the cost of postage

Parish Fall Festival/Raffle Discussion

- It was again suggested if we continue to have the parish festival that we're consistent year after year
- Is the purpose of the festival to be a fundraiser or a social event? This depends on what is planned for the festival – a dinner at Carlin Hall or larger event with several outdoor activities planned
- If this will be a fundraiser there must be a purpose advertised for the event
- The fourth Sunday in September seems to be the best date for the festival as other local parishes are earlier in September
- A chairperson for the event must be found – suggested to put a note in the bulletin and see if someone comes forward
- Once a chairperson comes forward it's much easier to get workers for the needed areas – it was also suggested to ask students from various groups within the parish to assist with event
- Can we utilize the SMSU marketing group for an event such as this
- A suggestion was to hold the festival at the school where various parts of the school and outdoor area could be used – this would allow for festival to still be held in case of bad weather
- Suggestions for food were walking tacos and/or burgers and brew – this can be decided when a planning committee is in place
- Raffle committee consists of Matt Weller, Todd Dirckx and Margaret Olafson

Holy Redeemer Circles Discussion

- It was suggested to leave the funeral committee and church cleaning group as is and do away with all other circles
- Circle leaders will be contacted to get active members that assist with funerals and church cleaning
- A communication on this change will be sent and no effective date was set
- Question to Father Paul on counting at masses and what are the number counts - Christmas is the highest, Ash Wednesday second and then Easter

New Business

Fair Stand Committee Discussion

- Bev Schroeder and Cindy Nuese will chair the fair stand
- Is a committee needed to help chair the fair stand – shift leaders should not be asked to assist with this because they are busy finding workers
- Brad has been sending out communications through Sign Up Genius with shift times and dates for the fair stand and will continue to send as needed
- Brad will reach out to Bev and Cindy to see what assistance is needed prior to the fair

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) Discussion

- UCAP contacted Father Paul about renting year round space at the school
- They would like to rent five classrooms
 - Is there space available – we could make it work
- Rent would be \$30,000/year plus lunch fees
- Contract agreement could be year to year but UCAP would like a longer commitment
- How would this affect building security – they would use the same door as other families utilize
- Program is for 3-5 year olds and there are 17-18 children per classroom – this would add an additional 80 children in the building
- UCAP has staggered start and stop times, but there would be a time during the day that all 80 students would be in the school
- Does UCAP have any other options – none at this time
- UCAP would supply their own furniture for the classrooms
- This is a Federal operated program and they have several regulations to follow
- Would it work to locate all five classrooms on the backside of the school and put in a separation door – families and students would only then enter through the back door
- Father Paul will be discussing this with staff at the school

Pending Agenda Items

Parish Security – Quentin

- Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 22 – no other updates

Calendar of Events

- Kindergarten Roundup – March 20
- Chrism Mass/New Ulm Cathedral – March 22 @ 7:00 PM
- HRS Passion Play – March 23 @ 8:30 AM
- Holy Redeemer Spring Fling – April 14
- Ordination to the Diaconate/St. Mary's in Sleepy Eye – April 21 @ 10:00 AM

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Brad Gruhot. The next general meeting will be at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2018 in Carlin Hall.

Please send agenda items to Father Paul, Brad Gruhot, and Quentin Brunsvold prior to our next scheduled meeting.

Father Paul led our closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by Margaret and Dave Olafson