

Parish Council Meeting October 18, 2011

- Attendance:
 - Present: Annette, Art, Adam, Theresa, Carol, Fr. Andrew, Mary, Joel
 - Excused: Sean, Dawn, Larry

- The meeting began at 7:00 PM with prayer from Theresa.

- Commission Reports
 - Finance Report
 - Expect to have a deficit of \$76,000 for this year.
 - Weekend contributions are down, and CSA is down \$50,000.
 - Had 3 air conditioning units replaced.
 - The rectory repairs will be approximately \$30,000.
 - Amount per envelope is going down, but not the amount of envelopes turned in.
 - The parish revenue has been consistently down for the past several years, most visibly after the housing crisis, and for the past 3 years or so, the annual budget has been lowered and we are still not meeting it.
 - The parish currently has a \$600,000 debt that is still owed to the AoD. This is the remaining part from the \$1.5 Mil taken for the building projects here. We are paying our debts slowly and gradually, and from that perspective we are better than many other churches that have debt. However, the interest on the debt is currently 5.5% which adds to how much we owe.
 - We do have money in the savings account, but it isn't nearly enough to pay off the debt, plus the money has to be there for unexpected situations and repairs, so the dipping into that account to cover our operational costs could lead to financial "suicide".
 - Youth
 - Started a youth commission to plan activities and fundraisers.
 - Vicariate
 - Received an email to the Together in Faith parish planning groups regarding the school planning group.
 - Although we do not support a school, we do have a scholarship program for Catholic school children who attend OLOW.
 - Worship
 - Received a report on the table.
 - Education
 - Received their minutes via email.

- Guest

We are suspending having any guests until further notice due to the work on the implementation of the new Parish Council Manual. If any commission or group has an emergency situation, they can e-mail the Parish Council. We will still ask the groups to submit their minutes.

- Old Business

Reviewed calendar

- Thanksgiving basket - Theresa will chair.
- Art will take prayer for the November meeting.

- New Business

Facility Usage Policy

- Dropped the social hall rental policy that was developed last year.
- An Eagle scout would like to use the social hall for a blood drive for a special event to earn his eagle scout badge.
 - After a vote of the parish council a unanimous decision was not met.
 - Fr. Andrew invoked the Holy Spirit; the Eagle scout will be allowed to hold a blood drive.

Parish Council Manual

- Manuals have been ordered but are not here yet.
- Watched a brief video introducing the new manual and the first few chapters.
- What is your vision right now for the church?
Think about this question for next meeting.
- Briefly discussed mass schedule change ideas
 - What times?
 - Possible 3 hour gap between masses for a religious education program?
 - Recommendation by parish council is that the 8:00 & 10:00 mass should be removed and replaced by a 9:30 mass and one of the following 11:30, 11:45 or 12:15 will replace the 12:00 mass.
 - We would like a formal response from the Worship Commission by January 1, 2012, in regards to the mass changes.
 - The council agreed that the implementation of the new mass schedule changes should take place as of July 12, 2012.
 - The Finance Committee should also give a recommendation for a date change to the council.

- Meeting ended at 9:44 with prayer by Fr. Andrew.

- Next parish pastoral council meeting will be November 29, 2011 at 7:00 PM.