

Church of St. Catherine Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Thursday September 15, 2011

The Council gathered for 10 minutes of prayer in the Chapel and then moved to the Centennial Room for the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Pat.

Roll Call: Present: Pat Saum, Mark Opitz, Tom Nelson, Chris Hein, Rosie Paquette, Paul Doherty, Dick Smook, Lila Bauer, Fr. Tom, and Mary McLaughlin. Absent and excused Jeff Wieneke

Election of Officers was held: Pat / Tom made a motion to elect Paul as Chairman, passed. Paul / Dick made a motion to elect Tom as Vice- Chair, passed. A motion by Pat / Paul to elect Rosie as the Secretary passed.

Pat turned the meeting over to Paul.

Minutes from May 19, 2011 meeting were approved. Motion by Mark / Tom passed.

Agenda was approved.

We welcomed Chris, Lila, and Dick as new members to the Council.

Old Business

A) Church Renovation Committee: Mary – The renovation is complete except the purchase of a new organ. There has been a \$1000 donation to the Organ fund. Fundraising will start after FallFest. Fr. Tom believes that the Feb. deadline set last year by the Parish Council is unreasonable. There was some discussion about what to do with the organ console. It will remain in place in the GS for now.

B) FallFest: The meal will be a Turkey Dinner with all of the trimmings, catered by the company that took over Blue Mound Catering; it will be served from 3:30 – 6:30. Adult Tickets are \$9. Jen Huisman is in charge of kids games and there will be a lot of new games. There will be Sequence and Pinochle card games for adults instead of Bingo. The Big Ticket Drawing will be at 7:00 pm. The Big ticket mailing will be on Monday.

C) 50th Anniversary of the Hall & Classrooms – possible suggestions for names were Doyle or Alexandria Hall. It was moved by Tom / Mark to name it the Msgr. Michael Doyle Hall.

New Business

A) Pastoral Council Elections –done earlier in the meeting.

B) Restoration of the Statues in Church: The Company that redid the Cathedral in Sioux Falls will take a look at them & give us a bid to restore them in muted colors. There are several perspective donors.

C) Pastoral goals for new Season: No suggestions at this time.

D) 1% Charitable Giving: after much discussion it was decided to give Big Buddies \$500, and rock Co. Beyond the Yellow ribbon \$1,000.

Reports:

A) Liturgy – Roman Missal translation changes are richer, more poetic& biblical & closer to the correct translation of the Latin language. We will begin the new Gloria in Oct. The English language is the last to join in this translation, The Mass remains the same.

- B) Faith Formation – Registration is complete; Catechists positions are filled; classes start on Wed Sept. 21. Adult Bible Study of the Book of James started on Tuesday with 11 participants.
- C) Knights of Columbus: Dick attended the Spencer Fair and was impressed by all of the literature that the KC's had at their booth. They sponsored a trip for the servers to Wild Water West; 11 went and had a good time. They purchased polo shirts for their members so they could wear them at functions. They are managing the Habitat for Humanity Site, Marie's home address until the building begins.
- D) LCCW – Lila as new president had her 1st meeting last week. The Elizabeth Ministry, Sharon Deutsch, is going to change to giving gift certificates instead of preparing meals.
- E) Finance Council- The Budget was finalized and includes \$10,000 in the budget for a possible part-time Maintenance position.
- F) Social Ministry: Fr Tom handed out the minutes.
- G) Administrator- The financial situation is a little tight right now, but we are expecting the \$12,000 rent from the Blue Mound Learning Center at the end of the month. We used \$17,000 from the Marie Wiegel fund to pay for the Church Renovations. Kevin Aaker & Mary M. are starting our 3rd year of classes this weekend; they have this year & one more left. Kevin will still have 3-4 years to become a Deacon.
- H) Pastor: Anyone who works with vulnerable adults or children will need to take the new training -Virtus; it is a 2 1/5 hour training that includes 2 videos. A big thank you to the summer project volunteers especially to John Oksness and George Langford who organized the volunteers and the work. 36 people are signed up for the Pilgrimage. There are 11 participants in the Bible Study.

The Next Meeting: Thursday October 20h at 7:00 in the CRoom.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Tom

Respectfully submitted, Rosie Paquette, acting secretary