

Holy Trinity Parish Pastoral Council and Finance/Maintenance Committee
Special Meeting
Tuesday February 21, 2017

The Finance Committee, Parish Council, along with parishioners Steve Schmidt & Mark Schmitt (representing the Knights of Columbus), met to address a possible upgrade to the electrical supply system for part of the parish property. The main issues that need to be resolved are the overhead power lines to the church, Father Yauss center and the main power pole in the middle of the parking lot. We are also looking at the best way to provide electricity for the Knights of Columbus Picnic that takes place on the church grounds. We accepted quotes from Roessner Energy & Seitz Electric and representatives from both companies came to answer questions about the quotes that were given. The Parish Council will make a final decision at its regular meeting on Monday February 27, 2017.

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The following were present: Fr. Rick Walling, Mike Hoying, Denny Riethman, Ellen Homan, Charmaine Bettinger, Amy Hess, Kathy Moeder, Larry Schmitmeyer, Linda Stelzer, Michelle Winner, and Brenda Schmitt.

The meeting was opened with prayer and faith formation. The minutes of the December 5th meeting were approved as written. A motion to accept was made by Kathy M. and seconded by Michelle W.

Reports

Finance/Maintenance (Ellen Homan/Kathy Moeder/Roger Kaiser)

The finance/maintenance committee met earlier this evening. Sunday Collections are down \$2,290 from budget projections as of January 31, 2017. The goal by June 30, 2017 is to have the Sunday collections exceed budget projections by \$11,000. In order to meet this target, weekly Sunday collections need to be approximately \$9,800 each week through June 30. Our hope is that, between an increase in Sunday collections and a decrease in operating expenses, the parish will not have to withdraw any money from our savings in order to meet anticipated expenses.

Education (Charmaine Bettinger/Michelle Winner)

- *The second half of the year has started out well. We have 46 2nd graders preparing for First Communion on April 30th.
- *With Lent starting, Stations of the Cross will be held at the following times: For kids/families, Fridays after school (will start @ approx. 3:15-3:20pm). It lasts about 25 minutes.
- *Pre-school & Kindergarten will end on April 9th. Kindergarten students will sing prior to 10:30am Mass on April 2nd.
- *First grade class Mass will be April 23rd @ Noon.
- *We will once again be using the NET team for our confirmation retreat, which will be April 5th from 6-9:30pm. We are looking for Host families. 78 students are preparing for Confirmation.
- *We will be hosting our own "Spiritual Survivor" for 7th & 8th grade students this year on April 5th. The games are being finalized. Juniors & Seniors will be helping with this.
- *Our May crowning/Closing Mass will be May 3rd.
- *The Baccalaureate Mass & breakfast will be held on May 7th at 9am.
- *CCD Advisory meeting was last week. Charmaine discussed the discipline issues. Behaviors and respect for the teachers needs to be addressed. Charmaine sent home a note to parents of evening students in 6th, 7th & 8th. I see an improvement in the hallway prior to class... she hasn't heard from any of the teachers regarding behavior in classes.
- *A discussion was held regarding opportunities for evangelization, young adults. Theology on Tap was brought up as Fr. Matt has been meeting with people in Ft Recovery. Looking into this further. Charmaine also referred to resources for parents and teachers to use when kids ask tough questions: Two that she recommends: "Did Adam and Eve Have Belly Buttons?" & "Did Jesus Have a Last Name?"
- *Looking for new members to our CCD Advisory Council.
- *CYO - None of our teams qualified for the state basketball tournament. Dan & Susan Jenkins are stepping down as advisors. Adam Buening has agreed to take over the advisor position.

Youth (Amy Hess/Isaac Burkhardt)

Junior High Youth Group News:

*At the beginning of January, we split the group in two due to the lack of space and the growing numbers. While it's still a bit tight, things are much better than it was. Two groups of 35-50 are much better than one group of 75.

High School Youth Group News:

*The High School kids recently had a lock-in. A yearly favorite, I want to express thanks to the chaperones who volunteered to spend the night: Randy Kunk, Carla Buening and Ron & Sue Homan.

Other News, Events & Retreats:

***Ark Encounter:** On March 27th, we will head to Williamstown, KY to the life-size Noah's Ark. As of now, we have 41 people signed up (Junior High, Senior High & Chaperones).

***Cast Your Nets:** On Sunday, March 12th, the High School Youth Group will travel to McCartyville for a mini-retreat. Adoration, confession, workshops, speakers, games, music, supper, etc. will be offered. The cost is \$10, which includes the meal and a t-shirt.

***Stations of the Cross for Teens:** We will be offering Stations in the church after 6pm Mass on March 5th, March 12th, & April 2nd.

***Guardian Angel Program:** As of tonight, we have 12 of our 40 teens sponsored for their Steubenville trip. If you, or anyone you know, would like to sponsor a teen please contact Amy.

Social Action (Linda Stelzer)

*The Social Action Committee met on February 6th. Pam Hoying shared her draft of the Lenten Flyer that invites parishioners to attend the Ash Wednesday soup supper and guest speakers Brian Engle & Mike Wuebker.

*Rachel Heitkamp reported on the first Family, Faith & Fun night that took place on February 19th at the church. There was a scavenger hunt that included 10 activities. (There were about 16 families that participated).

*Sr. Martha Bertke has brought to our attention that there is a need for toiletries for women in jail. The Committee has received the okay from Fr. Walling to put collection boxes at the church entrances. We will be collecting donated items for a month.

*The Food Pantry: Everything is going well. One of our groups has mentioned that they would like to have younger people join in helping.

*Luke & Rene' Klosterman and their "crew" once again did a great job in coordinating the annual marriage celebration that was held on February 18th.

*I (Linda) have attended church, sitting in the East wing, three times since our last meeting. I've also talked to an usher and parishioners about the acoustics in that wing. All replied that the sound was not a problem for them and they sit in that wing regularly.

Worship (Denny Riethman)

Our next meeting is planned for tomorrow Tuesday February 28th. So there is nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

Further discussion of how we envision our parish in 10 years or so.

Capital Improvement project. Several items having to do with the condition of the church basement were discussed.

Maybe this is something that we need to look into a little more in depth.

New Business

*The electrical project - After discussing the estimates given by Roessner Energy & Seitz Electric, there was a motion to accept the bid from Seitz Electric made by Linda S. and seconded by Larry S. The rest of Parish council voted in favor of the expenditure. Ellen will contact Seitz about a start date. The project will be finished prior to Memorial Day & the 150th Anniversary celebrations.

*The schedule for Lent/Easter was in the bulletin.

*150th Anniversary plans are coming along. The church will be hosting a wedding style dinner for the parish & community members. Invitations will be sent out to former Pastors and Associates.

*Fr. Joe Perez will be here March 11th & 12th; he will be giving us update on how he has used the money that we give to his school in Guatemala.

Pastor's remarks

Fr. Ralston has been asked to continue to help out as temporary administrator at New Bremen.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

A motion to adjourn was made by Brenda S and seconded by Mike H.

Future Meeting Date:

Monday May 8th, 2017