

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes

October 9, 2013

Present: Fr. Brad Neely, Johanne Schmidt, Denise Hammrich, Theresa Wessels, Joe Kaufman, Ken Jacks, Bill Steiner, Bill Neumayer, Sarah Schumaker

Guests: Kevin Poole

Opening prayer: *The meeting began with group prayer.*

Johanne moved the council approve the minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting. Bill Steiner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

- **Building Project Update: Kevin Poole**

Kevin reported construction is moving quickly. They are hanging sheet rock, and taping; moving through classrooms and headed toward the nave. Estimated another two weeks before the cupola is set in place. They are looking at paving the parking lot in early November. Kitchen equipment has arrived. Design options to enhance the cross on top of the copula are being investigated as well as lighting options. The cross will be 72 feet off the ground.

Kevin has spoke with the contractor and an early December date for the next parish site tour has been arranged. The council discussed having various items parishioners could donate to with examples and costs on display for the tour.

Interest in construction progress from some of the residents at Royal Plaza & Emeritus at Juniper Meadows has resulted in a tour being set for October 12, 2013. The facilities will transport and Kevin will guide the tour.

- **Parish Administrator-Sarah Schumaker:**

Construction cost are running about the same; seeing savings in some areas and over runs in other areas. Construction is running really close to bid. The soft costs bid didn't include security system or P.A. system in the social hall. Capital campaign continuation letters in various versions will be going out in the next few weeks.

There was discussion of a possible sales price reduction on the St. James property. The council is amenable to lowering the price 15%. Fr. Brad felt if lowering the price generates interest it is well worth a reduction. Sarah stated expenses were tracking as expected. We are approx. \$5,000.00 behind year to date. She has been polling some contributors and described some trends. Discussion about strategies to improve collections was tabled until after the Fall Bazaar and Advent site tour. Capital campaign pledges are tracking as expected. Some one time donations and memorial contributions are coming in monthly. Timeline and schematics of the consecration of All Saints before the first mass is celebrated, as well as the decommissioning of St. Stanislaus and St. James were discussed at length.

- **Pastor Report: Father Brad Neely**

Fr. Brad has received some input back on the capital campaign continuing pledge letter. There has been positive feedback on the recently received pastoral letter.

The need to establish a plan in regards to next year's Christmas Dinner and Christmas Connection have recently risen as a couple wanting to schedule a December 2014 wedding date need to confirm facility availability. Theresa will discuss Christmas Connection plans with St. Vincent DePaul and Sarah will check with coordinators of the Christmas Dinner to come to a decision.

Fr. Brad stated he & Sarah are going to get a schedule going to go through things in each location determining what is needed and what is surplus.

He described the theme for the new space will be to dig into the saints in a meaningful way.

Fr. Brad is going to arrange for families new to the parish since his arrival to come forward for a blessing at Mass. By bringing them forward he wants to make them visible before the congregation.

- **School Report-Denise Hammrich**

The ACTION Auction is coming up on October 19th. They have two guests visiting the school for two weeks from Thailand; one in 3rd grade & one in 4th grade. A 5th and 6th grade team competed in the Knowledge Bowl and will compete again in November. The 6th grade team placed 2nd and the 5th grade team placed 7th. The Knights are hosting a benefit breakfast for the Spanish program Oct. 13th. Family Fun festival is October 25th, this is a fun time when the children can come in costumes and enjoy an evening of fun with their family. November 11th ASCS will once again be hosting a Veteran's Day celebration in the gym at 2:00 pm. The Phase 1.2 Committee is meeting October 10th. Castellaw Kom Architects has put together some preliminary drawings. Denise invited interested council members to come at 6:00 pm to St. James. She reported attendance is right where it was last year; with 20 new families. That compares to 10 new families last year.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be November 6, 2013 at the All Saints, St. Stanislaus in the Fireside Room at 5:30 pm.

- **Closing Prayer:**

Fr. Brad offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Estes