

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
April 13, 2013

Members: Fr. Brad Neely, Johanne Schmidt, Ken Jacks, Denise Hammrich, Joe Kaufman, Sarah Schumaker, Theresa Wessel, Bill Steiner, Fr. Evarist Shiyo, Joyce Majure

Absent: Marcia Ney, Bill Neumayer, Robert Blume

Opening prayer: *Bill led the council as they recited the opening prayer.*

1. Approval of Minutes:

Ken Jacks moved the council approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting. Theresa Wessels seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Parish Administrator Report- Sarah:

Sarah began her report with a building project update. She distributed the 1st draft of a handout being prepared for the April 14, 2013 Town Hall meeting.

The final building plans were sent to and reviewed by the Diocesan Building Commission. The final project financials were sent to and reviewed by the Diocesan Office of Finance. Both have been forwarded to Bishop Driscoll with recommendations for his approval.

As soon as approval is received, Kenaston Corp. is ready to begin construction. The construction timeline is tightening up. A 16 month construction period is a possibility. They plan to have the roof on by fall so work can continue through the winter.

The projected budget was outlined. Loan repayment begins when construction is completed. It is a graduated loan. Capital Campaign pledges were discussed. The sale of St. Stanislaus will close in July 2013. The sale amount of 2.3 million dollars is reflected on the town hall handout. The Phase 1 projected costs to completion represented on the Town Hall handout, does not reflect project costs already paid for.

Sarah & Fr. Brad outlined a good neighbor project being planned. It is intended to introduce All Saints to the neighborhood explaining what we're doing, how long it will take etc. When the project is complete we may have an open house time specifically for the neighborhood. A question arose as to how we identify our "neighbors". Joe explained we can identify an area we want to notify and the U.S.P.S. offers a service that will facilitate delivery to a specific area.

Fr. Brad had some questions about the directional layout of the buildings on the site. Placement was explained and discussed. At the Town Hall meeting, opportunities will be given to folks who have concerns about Phase 2 construction- All Saints Catholic School-to voice those concerns and sign up to help kick off the Phase 2 focus.

The Town Hall meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on April 11, 2013 in the St. James Social Hall. Bill Neumayer, Kevin Poole and architect Doug Benson will each speak. They are projecting the meeting to wrap up in about an hour.

The Diocesan Capital Campaign was the next item presented. Sarah distributed the campaign format for All Saints. Four parish receptions will be hosted on April 16 & 17; 2 each at St. Stanislaus and St. James. The reception agenda was outlined. The outline follows the Guidance in Giving suggestions. Guidance in Giving representative Dan Inman as well as a diocesan representative will be at each of the receptions.

April 20/21 the campaign video will be shown at the end of each mass.

April 27/28 there will be laity presentations at every Mass. Speakers were discussed. Several council members offered to speak. It was acknowledged the 10 am Mass at St. Stanislaus is First Communion. The suggested presentation will be modified in length by Fr. Brad & Sarah. Sample Mass Scrip's were attached to the council's handout.

May 4/5 will be Commitment Sunday. Pledge cards will be mailed out prior to that Sunday and pledge cards will be placed in the pews that weekend.

The council will be seeing the first draft of the budget in May. A joint meeting of the Finance & Pastoral council will be scheduled in June to hopefully finalize the 2013/2014 fiscal year budget that begins July 1st.

The offertory has been taking a steady decline. We have to get the offertory up. Do we need to look at a Cuneen type effort?

There is also a need to look at our parish fundraising efforts and how they are structured. Fundraisers create a community building experience as well as financial support. An approach that lets us get more bang for our buck with the events we host is being sought. We need to enter a period of restructuring and formulating our approach of our fundraising events. Sarah suggested a sub-committee be formed to look forward in determining how and what we do. St. Stanislaus is not hosting a fall event this year.

Sarah is aware of a person currently affiliated with St. Gertrude's Spirit Center that has done a lot of national training about fundraising. She suggested contacting her.

3. Pastor Report: Father Brad Neely

Fr. Brad is really focusing and trained on the spiritual life of the parish. He doesn't get to things real quickly because of volume, but he continues to stay focused on this area.

In reflecting on Holy Week, Fr Shiyo & he are going to try to come to a satisfactory number of Holy Week masses. They were thinking that those present on Easter for Mass, were really who should be here with us every week.

Johanne & Theresa commented how wonderful the Holy Week celebrations were.

Fr. Brad made a suggestion that one of the things we can do quickly and easily is to put a basket in foyer and folks can put names of people they are "praying back" to church in sealed envelopes. The basket could then be placed at the altar and the priest would specifically offer a prayer for those being prayed for. No one knows the name except the person who wrote it down.

Fr. Brad thinks we really need to present aspects and pieces about the mass as a way to deepen our parishes understanding and spirituality. Joyce suggested having a small blip about "all saints" to educate and break open the life of various saints for our parish. Fr. Brad reflected that is an important endeavor. The question was raised "are we limited to a one hour only for Mass?" Ken commented when Mass goes long he gets called. Fr. Brad suggested we keep tinkering with this. Liturgy is extremely important and we need to make the most of when the people are here. He is primarily interested in the spiritual aspects of the parish.

Fr. reported Divine Mercy Sunday went well with about 70 folks attending. Not sure what will happen to that number in the coming months. He's hopeful it will remain steady.

He believes if people have a meaningful experience with Christ they will want to be involved.

4. School Report-Denise

Last month they had 17 families attend the Teddy Bear Tea. Next week they are hosting a Cup Cake Social for 3 & 4 year old perspective pre-school students for the 2013/2014 school year. May 9th is the Spring Sing concert held in the Lewiston High School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. Denise explained their Strive to Drive fundraiser and made tickets available to anyone wishing to purchase them. They are offering a special ticket buy; 5 tickets at \$10.00 a piece get the sixth one free. They have just finished the 3rd quarter, so only one quarter left in this school year.

5. Parochial Vicar Report: Fr Evarist Shiyo

He was so very impressed with the Easter morning Masses he celebrated at 8 & 10 am at St. Stans. They were really, really full. He asked "Where are all these people all the time?" He asked if the group had any ideas how to keep the Easter Mass attendees coming. Fr. Brad has an idea about praying for them and how we get fall always to come back.

Fr. Brad asked how a Returning Catholic Program has worked in past. Theresa said it has been very healing folks have come back and even become active in parish. Fr. Evarist wondered if the effort could be incorporated into construction- building the church& building the people.

Bill Steiner stated we need to be overtly evangelizers, asking ourselves; "Doesn't this person deserve to go to heaven?" It's salvation we're concerned with in the end.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the council will be held on May 8, 2013 at 5:30 pm in the All Saints, St. James in the Formation Room.

6. Closing Prayer:

The council closed by praying together.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Estes