

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
September 25, 2013

Council Members: Fr. Brad Neely, Johanne Schmidt, Ken Jacks, Joe Kaufman, Bill Neumayer, Joyce Majure, Fr. Evarist Shiyo, Marcia Ney

Guests: Kevin Poole

Opening prayer: *The meeting began with the group praying together.*

- **Approval of Minutes**

Joyce moved the council approve the minutes of the August 29, 2013 meeting. Johanne seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

- **Building Project Update: Kevin Poole**

Kevin reports the project is going well. There has been a lot of interest in the cupola being placed on the building and that is about 2 weeks away. Approximately 2/3rds of the buildings are painted. Further consideration and work has been done in conjunction with Guardian Heating & Cooling of equipment placement resulting in a cost savings.

Steiner's Audio Video is under contract for the Audio & Video in the social hall. Fisher Systems will be handling the phone system, cameras and security system.

Additional savings will be realized by doing away with cabinetry behind the altar.

Two companies have come in with very close bids on the pews. Before any determination is made they want to look at the kneelers. Generally there is a feeling solid wood is a superior product to a veneer.

Joyce has contacted our Liturgical Consultant, Ken Griesemer, asking if he knew of either of the two companies. Ken will be in Lewiston October 29 & 30, 2013 to assist in liturgical planning.

Marcia asked about the efficiency of the P.A. system. Kevin explained it is acoustically balanced and we should be able to hear well in the church and the social hall. Ken asked about the system in regards to the music ministry. Kevin offered to meet with Ken and go over the plans specs.

It was suggested as specific areas are completed, ministries involved in specific functions of that area "work it" to fine tune function.

Fr. Shiyo asked about planting trees now while construction was in progress to allow for growth before we occupy the site. Kevin explained 5-6 ft. trees will be planted as is part of the overall landscaping plan.

Bill Neumayer suggests being ready to begin work in January 2014 on a transportation ministry to the new facility. Both short term and long term ideas will be explored.

Kevin thought there were approx. 3 times as many parishioners at the 9/11/2013 site tour as compared to the 6/25/2013. The consensus was there were a high percentage of positive comments, although a few negative comments were noted. Kevin suggests a possible Advent timeline for the next site tour.

The options of donation pavers for the outside area east of the nave are currently being explored. The area will require approximately 20,000 to 22,000 pavers to cover the area. Price per paver is yet to be determined. Bill Neumayer asked Kevin if he had looked into PCS Laser as an option. He has not and was not aware of them. He & Bill will discuss this further.

From a financial aspect Kevin reported we are still behind. He and Sarah have done some work identifying where the drop off is coming from and possible steps that can be taken to turn things around.



The council discussed at great length the possibility of the social hall being rented as a source of income. Fr. Brad had many helpful insights into this topic from his pastoral experience in Grangeville.

- **Parish Administrator-Sarah Schumaker:**

No report

- **Pastor Report: Father Brad Neely**

Fr. Brad explained the Consecration Mass is a big affair. There is a whole Rite to follow which he will need to put together. The church cannot be used until it is consecrated. He does not want it to be a frantic panic to unveil when we are looking at an occupation date. There is no need for it to be frantic.

He and Sarah are working on building capital campaign follow up letters. Marcia asked if phone calls could be utilized as an alternative to letters. Kevin described the difficulties with that process.

Father Brad has revised his most recent pastoral letter and it will go out in October.

Work is being done to try sorting out what ministries need to be combined.

Sarah & he are formulating a plan to really sift out what is excess and what is needed as we combine the three facilities items.

In regards to the church environment he conveyed the Church calls for it to be simplistic. Many items will not be scale appropriate for the area. He is mindful of the possible impact on people as this process progresses. The desire to use what is nice and respect the beautiful space is central to these decisions.

They are trying to be proactive so this is something they will be working on. He will go through the sacristies and make those decisions himself.

- **School Report-Denise Hamrlich**

No report

- **Other Business:**

Marcia discussed the progress being made combining the Homebound Ministry. They had their first ministry meeting with 22 people in attendance. Many more are interested but were not able to attend. They are trying to bring commonality to the ministry. Some folks are interested in visiting the homebound while others will be taking communion.

Marcia also made the council aware the St. Vincent De Paul emergency food pantry is in serious need of items. Johanne asked and Marcia responded they are able to accept fresh produce.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be October 9, 2013 at the All Saints, St. Stanislaus in the Fireside Room at 5:30 pm.

- **Closing Prayer:**

Fr. Shiyo closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Estes