

## All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes

January 29, 2014

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

Guests: Kevin Poole

Opening prayer: The council prayed the opening prayer together.

- **Approval of Minutes:**

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

- **Columbarium -Bill Neumayer:**

Bill explained he had contacted PCS Laser to make a presentation to the council about a possible columbarium at All Saints. Apparently there was miscommunication as no representative was present. Bill will make arrangements for a presentation at the next council meeting. Bill went to Holy Family in Clarkston and assessed the feasibility of a similar columbarium for All Saints. He sees it as a viable option.

- **Continuation Committee / Project Update /Finance Committee -Kevin Poole:**

Work is ongoing on a plan to follow up on some larger pending pledges. Bill Neumayer stressed the importance of this happening as soon as possible within the next 6 weeks. It is very important we know what our project numbers are, to assess our final cash position. The importance of knowing where a significant land pledge stands was emphasized. Kevin will follow up on this matter.

A date for the next site tour was discussed at length. The importance of getting parishioners who haven't been participating involved was highlighted. The scaffolding necessary for ongoing work in the church doesn't allow parishioners to experience that space. It was decided there would be two tours; one in the near future and another in the spring. Getting "donatable" costs firmed up is causing delay in scheduling site tour. The council hopes to set a date at the next council meeting.

Room dividers for the classrooms are installed. Parish Hall lighting is 50% complete & Audio Video system is being installed. Nave ceiling on the south side is being prepared for texture and prime coat. Dish racks were assembled and in place in the kitchen. Cabinetry is installed in the youth room, work room and reception area. Doors are being installed. Third level of scaffolding in the church is coming down.

The concern of a member of the finance committee regarding the project budget was brought before the council. The council was asked to closely review all remaining project expenditures and evaluate if there was work that could be deferred. The council was given a detailed construction costs report. The report was closely scrutinized and analyzed. Many items looked at would jeopardize an occupancy permit being issued if pursued. After thorough study and discussion the council recommends going forward with the completion of the church as planned. Plans will continue to offset existing construction costs with "donatable" items. Several new strategies were brought up.

- **Art & Statuary Committee -Joyce Majure:**

The committee toured the site on 1/25/2014. Being on site and seeing the actual areas being considered for specific items was beneficial. Fr. Brad was struck by just how beautiful the site is. Joyce sought clarification on the function of several spaces. She will contact Ken Griesemer next week and discuss liturgical design progress. Joyce commented the kitchen is unbelievably nice. There is a definite need for a kitchen ministry. There are many items in the kitchen folks may not know how to use. Fr. Brad stated there will be certain health code parameters that must be followed as well. The kitchen architect is willing to do training as part of his contract.

- **Parish Administrator-Sarah Schumaker:**

There is a plan in place to go through every room at both church sites. Staging physical move & operating in the new building are two distinct stages. Development of specific plans of how items will be used and determining what will be moved and what will be surplus is underway. Surplus items are currently being sold. Plans need to be developed for storage of various ministries items, lawn equipment, shovels, snow blowers, whether/where there will be a BBQ pit; these type of things need to be considered.

Donations are up in comparison to this time last year. A number of things are up this year. Continuation of this trend is essential.

- **Pastor Report: Father Brad Neely:**

Fr. Brad distributed four correspondents for the council to review and discuss. The documents were:

- A letter from Fr. Brad to Diocesan Director of Finance
- Bishop Driscoll's denial to All Saints' waiver request regarding diocesan fundraising moratorium
- Diocesan letter in regards to 2014 ICA communicating difference between diocese capital campaign & ICA
- Partial draft of February pastoral letter

Members read and discussed each correspondent. The council acknowledged frustration in facing the challenges the community is being tasked with funding; the building project, Idaho Catholic Appeal, building a school and the



Diocesan Capital Campaign. Our community was asked by the diocese to undertake this building project, we are doing it, and the question becomes how we can be helped to be successful. We will need to be cautious and precise in the next phase. It is in the dioceses best interest for us to succeed. We need to be allowed to get together and get healthy; become whole again so we can go forward. Lewiston has a long standing history of being stable. The process has been started and is in motion to get the school and the parish together on one site. We've got some fixing to do to allow us to start school construction. The kids are our future. The students being present at Mass for Catholic Schools week was wonderful and done well. There was so much positive energy. We have a need the community to recognize the ministry of the school.

A question was raised in regards to the anticipated retirement of Bishop Driscoll in August and whether that would have an effect on the consecration of All Saints. Fr. Brad doesn't believe it will affect our consecration ceremony as often there is an interim appointment.

Fr. Brad was asked if he has considered setting mass times by pew survey. He responded he thinks times will just be set. Ken asked him to consider a Sunday evening mass rather than a Saturday evening mass, pointing out several benefits.

- **Developing a master calendar:**

There needs to be some concrete plans on a calendar in place. Marcia expressed frustration with a lack of action. Kevin will develop the calendar. Once calendar is developed, they will start formulating action plan.

The need to identify persons involved in specific ministries and the need to hold trainings in each of those areas remains at the fore front.

- **School Report-Denise Hammrich :**

No report.

- **Spring Event:**

The timing, the format, the theme of a spring event received further consideration. Creating a fun event that would build community was central to the discussion. A variety of ideas including an auction, turn an item, paddle bids, beer garden, wine fest, potluck, "donatables" on display were among the topics explored. The possibility of an all around event was received positively.

- **Council Vacancy:**

The council was advised no one had submitted their name for consideration to date.

- **Other Business:**

- **Music Ministry-Ken Jacks & Johanne Schmidt:**

Johanne, Bill Schubach, Eric Peterson, and Ken met to discuss structure and organizing the music ministry. Their consensus is appointing one person to coordinate the music ministry at this time is not wise. Fr. Brad has agreed and will appoint four committee members. A tentative meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2014 for all parishioners interested in music ministry.

- **Lazarus Ministry –Marcia Ney:**

The Lazarus Ministry met with Sarah to further the unification of this ministry. They reviewed draft documents and information for use by the ministers when meeting with families and in funeral preparations. Sarah discussed the possibility of putting together a packet much like the one being used for marriage preparation. The concept was well received.

- **Ministry Fair-**

Joyce asked about the timing of a ministry fair/ministry sign ups. This may be rolled into parish spring event.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be February 12, 2014 at the All Saints, St. James in the Formation Room at 5:30pm.

**Closing Prayer:**

The council closed in prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Gail Estes*