

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes

February 12, 2014

Council Members: Bill Steiner, Johanne Schmidt, Denise Hammrich, Theresa Wessels, Marcia Ney, Joyce Majure, Fr. Brad Neely, Sarah Schumacher, Joe Kaufman, Bill Neumayer

Guests: Kevin Poole

Opening prayer: *The council opened their meeting with prayer.*

- **Approval of Minutes**

Joyce moved the council approve the minutes of the January 29, 2014 meeting. Marcia seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

- **Building Report: Kevin Poole:**

Kevin has worked on forming a moving committee. About 6-7 tentative members have been identified. Marcia wants to make sure personal invitations to get as many as parishioners as possible to join in these efforts. Kevin stated they are definitely open to having more help. His vision for this group is they would be the ones to coordinate the physical moving of items and boxes in conjunction with the administration. Kevin has put together a task list, which he distributed to the council for their review and input.

PR inviting parishioners involved and interested in the kitchen ministry was discussed. St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee has our mirror kitchen. Theresa will contact them to see if they have a kitchen job description.

Current progress at the building site includes: Main front doors and windows are installed; Window above altar is framed and ready for window package; Nave ceiling is 100% primed and textured; Southside nave ceiling is 50%+ trimmed out.

Joyce shared preliminary schematic drawings of the altar.

The council set March 6th as the date for the next site tour/open house at the building site.

- **Correspondence -Joyce Majure:**

Joyce presented a correspondence to the council asking permission to self fund if necessary to be able to continue the ministry and presentation of personalized cross-stitched pictures to First Communicants. Due to financial constraints a program decision was made to discontinue this gift from the parish. Sarah expressed this was a program decision and a decision was made. It's a programmatic decision not meant to take away a tradition. The coordinators just want to go in a different direction. Marcia reiterated as a council we don't micro manage program decisions. Joyce pointed out a group of parishioners wants to take financial responsibility of this 20 + year ministry so it can continue. She further stated possibly the spiritual and emotional ties to this ministry were not realized. Fr. Brad was given the correspondence. He and Sarah will contact those involved and work toward a resolution.

- **Master Calendar-Bill Neumayer:**

A calendar focusing on June, July, August and September 2014 was created. Various parish and community events were noted on the calendar. It was decided to identify working dates for the consecration of All Saints and work back. Dates to forward to the Diocese for consideration are Sept. 3, 4, 11, 12, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2014. Fr. Brad was asked about Bishop Driscoll's probable retirement. He responded he is not sure and it appears no one knows. Fr. Brad will check Canon Law on how this would be handled if we are without a Bishop. Bill Neumayer affirmed the importance of total organization of all the many pieces when we get to the consecration date.

Sarah stated the 1st move would be the offices, all office functions will transfer to new site. That will give the opportunity to gut both of those office buildings. St. Stanislaus business office will permanently close on June 6th. This will require two staff members to temporarily move to St. James until the final move is made to the new site.

The 2nd move will be all peripheral areas; such as the class rooms, library, and social halls. It was pointed out the Kitchens and Social Halls are busy places and will need to go last.

The Feast of St. James on July 25 was identified for a farewell celebration at the St. James site, with a possible late August date for a farewell celebration at St. Stanislaus.

- **Parish Administrator-Sarah Schumaker:**

The move this summer to our new site will bring some discomfort to our parish. It is inevitable. A process to return any items on loan to the church is necessary so during the move items we don't lose track of items that don't belong to the church. A solid timeline will be established; if you have something on loan you need to come pick it up by a specific date. Also, want to make sure parishioners have an understanding of even if you have donated something it may or may not make the move.



Several pastoral council volunteer names have been submitted for consideration for the position.

They are: Noel Hardin; Ted Burton; Kevin Poole; Larry Kopczynski; Pam Polis.

The group considered each person, discerning the various gifts and strengths each offered. During the course of discussion Fr. Brad & Sarah made the council aware of a couple issues the finance committees needs their support in resolving. This committee's members and number of active members was looked into. Possible additional members were identified and will be invited to join the committee.

- **School Report-Denise Hammrich :**

Denise reported 41 choir member will be participating in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the U of I on February 20, 2014. Preparations are under way for the Teddy Bear Tea on March 3rd for upcoming Kindergartners. Council members were invited to let the school know if they knew of any potential students and they would follow up with an invitation to the family. This year rather than having the Missoula Children's Theatre come, ASCS is receiving help from the Lewiston Civic Theatre for their presentation of "Goldie Locks and the Golden Rule" on March 14 & 15.

- **Other Business:**

Marcia recently attended The Sacred Art of Traditional Iconography workshop at the Monastery of St. Gertrude. She shared the icon she created during the workshop led by Fr. Damian Higgins. Marcia explained when an icon is painted a prayer is painted within it. Icons are rarely framed because they are a conversation. The eyes are big; inviting you into prayer. She posed the idea of having Fr. Higgins help our community learn about the story behind the icons we will have in our new site.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be February 26, 2014 at the All Saints, St. James in the Formation Room at 5:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer:

The council closed their meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Estes