

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes

February 26, 2014

Council Members: Theresa Wessels, Marcia Ney, Fr. Brad Neely, Sarah Schumacher, Joe Kaufman, Ken Jacks, Bill Steiner

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

- **Approval of Minutes**

Marcia moved the council approve the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting. Theresa seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

- **Building Report: Kevin Poole:**

No report

- **Planning Site Tour/Open House: Sarah Schumaker, Council Members:**

The site tour for March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 pm is confirmed. This will be a walking tour. The building committee will be contacted by Theresa and invited to serve as tour guides. Fr. Brad will also guide tours.

Joyce will make up a pamphlet outlining items donations are being sought to purchase. Joyce will be available to explain items and answer questions. It was suggested Joyce set up with the pamphlets in the reception office space. Joe & Ken will bring a couple dozen chairs and 4 card tables from St. James to the site.

Refreshments will be limited to cookies, Sarah will order them. Theresa will arrange to have cookies picked up and brought to the site.

Sarah suggested a "Welcome" sign to greet parishioners. This could also serve as a designated gathering spot to begin the next tour. Tour guides will be identified by wearing hard hats.

Entrance point will be clearly designated. Sarah will coordinate with project manager and contractor the best entrance.

Fr. Brad will advise priests the weekend prior to event to enthusiastically emphasize this opportunity.

Sarah will make signs to identifying spaces. Kevin will be asked to put the signs up prior to event. The importance of designating the bathrooms are still under construction and not ready to be used was pointed out.

The council will help assemble the group present and Fr. Brad will offer a moment of blessing and gratitude.

- **Pastors report-Fr. Brad Neely:**

Fr. Brad asked for feedback on a suggestion for the next pastoral letter to include a blurb about planning for a salute and show of respect celebration to each church site this summer before the actual move. This concept and verbiage was received very positively. He highlighted the point of the farewell events is to lift up our parish. Fr. Brad reported he had received a response from the Diocese on his submission of possible dates for the consecration of All Saints. September 12, 2014 is being considered.

Fr. Brad asked when the council believed would be a good time for a mass time pew survey. The council supported a survey at any time.

Father suggested the following three possible scenarios for mass times at All Saints:

1. Saturday 5:30 pm; Sunday 7:45 am and 10:30 am
2. Saturday 5:30 pm; Sunday 9:00 am and a Sunday evening Mass
3. Sunday 7:45 am and 10:15 am and an evening Mass

Each of these scenarios would allow for 11:30/11:45 am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart.

Weekday Mass time remains under consideration.

An outline for a building project informational parish meeting planned for March 27<sup>th</sup> follows:

1. Recap of where we've come from
2. Parishes mission to carry on
3. Unity/rallying parish point of farewell celebrations
4. Finance committee member presenting report
  - a. Financial status
  - b. Mortgage payments in next fiscal budget
5. Present solution options

Fr. Brad reflected if parishioners possibly didn't understand their need to tithe. The amount of monies needed to alleviate a shortfall was discussed in depth. An increase of \$80.00 a month per family was determined to be a target

amount. Marcia pointed out the positive impact Lay Witness talks by fellow parishioners can have on the congregation. Being involved and working toward a solution are key to overcoming financial challenges.

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

No report

- **Music Group**

Ken report there was a great turnout on February 10<sup>th</sup> for the music ministry organizational meeting. Those gathered filled out a survey generated by meeting coordinators. Ken learned Fr. Brad had not received a summary of that survey and he will get a summary to him.

The group was really united on wanting to see technical improvement. On March 17, 2014 they are bringing in Gary Walker for a “tune up”. Mr. Walker is a retired music educator renowned in the Seattle area and at the U of I, as well as an active member of the Civic Theatre and Community Concert Band. When ask how they see music groups forming at new site Ken responded he see musicians picking the mass time they want to attend and groups emerging in that manner.

- **School Report-Denise Hammrich :**

No report

- **Other Business:**

Ken posed the question of All Saints hosting a community musical entertainment event sometime before the church is consecrated. Theresa suggested holding the musical offering in conjunction with a community open house. Tammy Hasenoehrl has offered to spearhead an open house for the community. This could be a time when the neighbors, community and the parish family can come and tour the facility. Possible dates were discussed, planning for the event will move forward.

Theresa has secured coordinators for an August 31, 2014 farewell celebration at St. Stanislaus.

St James’ farewell celebration will be July 25, 2014, the Feast of St. James. Suggestions were made of possible St. James event coordinators. Bill Steiner will secure coordinators.

These gatherings will celebrate the history of the church, a farewell celebration, an time to respect their significance in our Lewiston Catholic presence.

Following up from the previous council meeting Theresa spoke to Everett Gahringer at St. Joseph’s Parish in Wenatchee, WA. Everett worked with the contractor on the layout. They did have training for all the groups using the kitchen, hoping each group would have a representative on the kitchen committee. Everett insured an inventory was taken and directions posted regarding the use of all equipment. Ideally, one member of the committee is present during an event to ensure everything is put away and nothing comes up missing or damaged. They did rent out their kitchen to outside groups, but KC’s, Guilds, coffee hour hosts, funeral dinner ministry all use the kitchen. The kitchen committee is non-existent at this time. Theresa then spoke to the Maintenance Director for the parish. He talked about holding a training night for KC’s, guilds, coffee hour hosts. He laminated all the directions and formulated a check off list that groups leave for him and to sign off on to ensure all things are put away, etc. They no longer rent out their facility to outside groups – too much red tape and challenges. Suggestions from these two conversations are:

- Recruit a parishioner who owns a restaurant to be the kitchen coordinator during the transition phase.
- Provide several training sessions
- Develop policies and procedures
- Take periodic inventory
- Every group signs off on a check off list
- Limit keys
- Pay staff member or parishioner to be present if outside groups use the kitchen.

There is a steep learning curve in operating the kitchen.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

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

**Closing Prayer:**

*The council closed their meeting in prayer.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Gail Estes*