

All Saints Joint Pastoral Council and Finance Committee Minutes
June 18, 2015

Council & Staff Members: Bill Neumayer, Toni Kraut, Joyce Majure, Bill Steiner, Theresa Wessels, Alyse Cadez, Linda Basilico, Shannon Eggelston, Ken Jacks, Fr. Brad Neely, Fr. Evarist Shiyo, Sarah Schumaker, John Mosier,
Finance Committee: Kathy Snyder, Mitch Marx, Merilynn Scharnhorst, Brennan Duclos, Jim Marker

- **Opening prayer:** Bill Steiner led those present in prayer
- **Approval of Minutes**

No minutes --summary only from May. No quorum.

- **Ken Jacks-**

Outgoing council member Ken Jacks asked to begin the meeting. He thanked the new members for coming onto the council. Ken then asked the council & committee to give serious consideration to going through a strategic planning process similar to what Dick Wittman recently led a group of about 9 choir members through. Ken stressed how beneficial he believes the process of creating a flowchart of strategic planning could be for our parish leadership. Ken again thanked the group for their service and excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

- **Introductions**

The group introduced themselves and stated their position.

- **Parish Administrator Report: Sarah Rosenlund-Budget**

Sarah distributed the proposed 2015/2016 fiscal year budget explaining the Finance Committee had previously reviewed a detailed budget. The document presents line items in larger categories rather than detailed categories. Both income and expenses were explained line by line. A graph of the income side gave further insight.

Toni Kraut asked why we aren't increasing our charitable donations. All Saints is currently giving 3.8% in monetary support into our community. This does not represent any of the special monetary collections, food bank donations, or items donated to support special causes. Toni asked why aren't we increasing to 5%? Jim Marker, finance committee, pointed out that right now we are a wash. As we go forward we may be able to increase that category. Sarah stated we can watch this category and the offertory donations; hopefully charitable giving can be adjusted.

The status of the St. James property was discussed. That property has recently been listed with a new company, new agent and new price. Monthly maintenance costs and ways to possibly lower those costs were discussed in detail.

Joyce motioned to approve the 2015/2016 budget as presented. Motion seconded by Bill Steiner. The 2015/2016 budget was approved.

- **Bill Neumayer-Welcome new members**

Fr. Brad outlined why the council was kept intact through the building process which led to some longer than normal terms for several members. New members were told council member terms will be 3 year. Bill Neumayer acknowledged the parish and council have faced challenges in this past year as we came together. Bringing the community together in the past year is now a reality and as we move forward we have more work to do. The focus of the council will now be to get back to being a pastoral council serving the parish. Bill described the council as being a think tank to assist Sarah and Fr. Brad. Fr. Brad reiterated ultimately the Church is for the salvation of souls. We never want to forget that as we move forward as a parish community. Bill Neumayer commented All Saints is unique, there is nothing like this north of Boise, and we want it to be an exceptional faith community

- **Pastors Report: Fr. Brad**

Fr. let the new council members know if they had items to discuss at an upcoming meeting those items can be sent to Bill Neumayer so they can be added to the agenda

The reason for the school survey timeline was explained as a necessity due to a request for funds deadline by the school for a corporation resource. Results of the survey were very positive. Fr. Brad has been doing a lot of leg work to have something workable and doable to present.

- **Church Sign: Joyce Majure**

At last month's meeting the council learned someone had offered to pay for a somewhat temporary low cost church sign. The cost of the sign in the original architectural design was \$26,000.00.

Joyce has done some investigating and found a company, Stewart Signs, who design signs for churches, schools, business etc. Joyce presented a mock up All Saints sign and a company catalog. The cost of the mock up is \$9,000.00 with 50% down and the balance due over the next year. Fr. Brad stated instead of doing a temporary sign at a lower cost, as was offered earlier, he'd support using the signs currently up until we are financial ready to purchase a permanent sign.

Joyce reported the benches in the courtyard area are being moved, reconfigured, taken apart and used by skateboarders. They are not secured in place. The details and damage caused by this activity was discussed.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the council will be a working retreat on July 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the All Saints the library.

Closing Prayer:

The council closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Estes