

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
September 9, 2015

Council Members: Fr. Evarist Shiyo, Bill Steiner, Toni Kraut, Alyse Cadez, Linda Basilico, Fr. Brad Neely, Shannon Eggleston, Karin Seubert, Denise Hammrich, Larry Kopczynski

Opening prayer: Toni read an opening prayer of thanksgiving as an opening prayer.

- **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the August 12, 2015 meeting were emailed prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved via email.

- **School Report-Denise Hammrich:**

- The Diocese has hired Jim Reed as the new Superintendent of Schools.
- The 4th grade received a \$2,800.00 grant from the Nez Perce Tribe. The grant was used to purchase 11 chrome books for classroom use.
- ASCS will be celebrating Grandparents Day with a Mass & reception Friday, September 11, 2015.
- The 6th grade class will spend the week of September 14-18 at science camp in McCall, Idaho.
- On September 27th the Knights of Columbus will host a breakfast after the Masses to benefit the schools Spanish Program.
- Oct 17th the A.C.T. I.O.N. Auction will be held at All Saints in the social hall immediately following Saturday evening Mass.
- The new school year brings to All Saints Catholic School 10 new families, 4 of whom are alumni families. Preschool is a full enrollment and has a waiting list.
- School enrollment is approximately 150 students.

- **Parish Administrator-Sarah Schumaker:**

No Report

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

- Fr. Neely introduced Karin Seubert who he has appointed to fill the council position vacated by Joyce Majure's recent resignation. Karin is an involved in the choir, school board and school building committee. The council welcomed Karin warmly.
- Fr. Neely's next pastoral letter will be out next week, September 14-18.
- The first draft of the parish directory has been proofed and returned. There will be one more proof before it goes to print. The company filed bankruptcy in the midst of our project in December, causing a series of complications. This has been an ongoing challenge.
- A resolution to the sound system is actively being pursued. The costs to correct the sound problems are being determined. No timeline is in place for final implementation, but it is moving ahead.
- Fr. Neely stated speed bumps are going to be looked into to make it less desirable to use the church parking lot as a drive through street.
- A brief recap was given of the ALSAM presentation and the work be done to seek a possible grant to help build the All Saints Catholic School onsite. So far it looks promising. The school building committee is working to flush out all the costs so they will be able to have real and accurate construction figures.
- Toni asked about the weed problem on the school property. Fr. Neely stated there was not a plan in place. No one regularly comes and mows that area.

- Fr. Neely pointed out several new signs have been posted. No Trespassing, Not a Through Street, Main Entrance are among the recently installed signs.
- All Saints has two new employees. Angela Davies as Director of Ministry and Audrey Steiner as R. E. Coordinator. Angela begins September 21st and Audrey has begun.
- Fr. Neely asked Larry if he would work on organizing a communication burst for a possible monthly verbal Mass announcement. Larry replied affirmatively. The council discussed the scope and purpose of this approach. It is intended to be a monthly highlight of here's what is happening. It was decided announcement weekend will be the fourth weekend of the month. This will be an opportunity to highlight positive information in an upbeat manner.

- **Parochial Vicar report-Fr. Evarist Shiyo:**

- As we are merging as one, so many things are popping up that are not anticipated.
- On a pastoral level Fr. Shiyo is seeking a parishioner trained as a councilor to help a young parishioner he is aware on a pro bono basis. Fr. went on to state he was seeking a counselor if any council members have a connection in their personal or professional network. No Catholic counselors are known to council members.
- Karin offered to put together a list of counselors she refers clients to so the office would have a resource list.
- Alyse knew of someone who was possibly coming to Holy Family in Clarkston offering services. Alyse will follow up on it.

- **Other Business:**

- **Status of Columbarium-PCS** Laser and Memorial prepared some preliminary materials and concept ideas for the council to preview. Paver bricks with name and design options were examined by the council. Memorial paver bricks are an option to offset some of the initial costs. PCS suggests picking 2-4 brick designs and sticking with that throughout the paver area. A structure similar to Holy Family is suggested. The structure itself would sit on concrete. It can be made moveable. The council was in agreement it should be placed in a permanent setting initially. A couple of granite samples complimentary to All Saints were passed around. The initial concept is for 330 niches. Council was assured the structure is completely waterproof. The council was advised this is project that is being talked about. Accessing parishioner support will be coming when comprehensive information is available.
- **Status of Fall Bazaar-**Toni has initial meeting planned for Sept. 10, 2015 to discuss what they are going to do this year. May not be able to make a whole lot of changes this year due to the relative short timeline before event. When asked if a cooking pit could be dug at All Saints, Fr. Neely stated yes there would be an area off the northwest corner. The future schools layout would need to be considered in the placement of the pit. Toni is the bazaar chair and stated she is open to all suggestions. The bazaar is November 8, 2015. The history and track record of a live and/or silent auction were discussed. It seems we are not getting good results off the live auction. Possibly moving to a silent auction may be more successful. The council brainstormed a bit about how to run/make a good profit off an auction. Karin shared corporate sponsors is what helps the ASCS auction. Possibly this needs to be looked into and explored further.
- **Facility Use & Alcohol Policy-**The issue of facility use was discussed at length. Being a hospitable welcoming place available to be used by our parish family was emphasized. This will be looked at further. Desire to make this facility accessible and user friendly was strongly supported.

- **New Business:**

Upcoming Anniversary Celebration-The date for the one year anniversary celebration is October 25th. Further details will be coming. The council favors an alternative date and is asking for clarification via email as to why this date was chosen.

- **Other New Business**

Shannon asked if it was possible to have a playground constructed. Obviously there will be a playground when the school is built, though we wouldn't necessarily wait for that. There was a thought of where one could be located. A brief comment was made to think about it in relationship to how the school will ultimately be laid out. Fr. Neely will run the possibility by the Diocese to see what is involved, regulation or insurance wise.

- **Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting of the council will be October 14, 2015 at All Saints in the Library.

Closing Prayer: Read by Alyse

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Estes