

St Mary Parish Council Meeting April 1, 2014

Council members present: Mary Ann Bridges, Susan Hoeing, Shawn Adkins, Craig Angle, Carol Yager, Eric Wagoner, Steve Thoman, Doug Kreiger (Finance Council) Father Gries

The meeting opened at approximately 7:15pm with a prayer lead by Father Gries.

Minutes from the February meeting were pre-approved by email forum.

Committee Reports

Board of Catholic Education/School- There are 4 candidates for school principal. Interviews start April 5th.

Cemetery-There was a good turnout for clean-up day in March. Section markers have been purchased and will be installed. Plans are to pour additional footers this spring.

There is the possibility of a Prayer Garden as an Eagle Scout project (Gus Haley), but it has not yet been approved.

Liturgy-The palms and Easter candle have arrived. Holy Week and Easter plans are in place.

Finance-Budget to be approved in May and submitted to accounting office in Indianapolis in June. A decrease in fund raisers is proposed. Some school vouchers have been received. Some parishioners have started using the on-line system for donations.

Approximately \$50,000-60,000 is in ADLF fund for Preserving Our Heritage. Next month we will have to use loan for expenses.

Maintenance- Rosfeld Electric was contacted and will assist with generator specifications (for sump pump). Some items need to be moved out of Kyle Lux's storage area which he has so graciously allowed us to use. The small organ and pews can be moved next week.

Fall Festival- Mary Schneider has post card idea lined up. Cards would be sent to alumni and others inviting them back. Quilt tickets and letters are done. An additional tent has been secured (now 3 total). Dr Williams has agreed to take charge of the raffle. Sickberts have been organizing a Beer Garden for Saturday night. The event will be in the church parking lot. Beer and wine tasting provided by J&J and Big Dawg from Richmond. This begins at 6:30 with a cost of \$10 for 4 tastes. Back Roads band will play from 7-10pm. A caterer has not been identified yet; the K of C is considering it. Council noted our license would cover a 50/50 raffle if there was interest in that. If table and chairs are needed we may be able to obtain them from the Carletons.

Renovation– Asbestos abatement in the basement cost about \$12,000 and is done. Items are moving back into the church. It is hoped a punch list can be completed soon and Easter services be held in the church, although project will not be entirely finished. For Easter a temporary ramp will be in place. The final announcement about Easter services will be made Palm Sunday.

There have been some problems with the limestone for the entry, so it is not expected to be complete until early May. Audio and lighting systems installations are scheduled. Training will be provided. Some revision of the tuck pointing was required at the north entry. It was noted that on the west wall plaster was done in a manner as not to contact the limestone.

It was reiterated that some items need to be moved back into church: organ, clavinova, choir loft pews.

Old Business

Engagement of young Catholics has been identified as an opportunity by the Archbishop. This is in line with our parish goal.

Father has contacted the Fathers of Mercy for a Parish Mission. A date has not yet been confirmed.

A new parish directory will be published in 2015. Photos will be taken in February. A committee is being formed to coordinate this. The organizational meeting is set for September 18.

New Business

Agenda items had already been covered.

Comments

Deacon Xavier will be back May 25–26 before traveling to India.

Father Gries shared some parish statistics. Numbers show decline in school age children.

St Mary will be receiving a gift from an estate. The amount is yet to be determined. Memento items made from the old kneelers were well liked and 250 of 2 different types will be ordered.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 8:25pm. The group then toured the church.

The next meeting is May 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by:
Carol Yager
Parish Council Secretary