

St Mary Parish Council Meeting-May 13, 2014

Those attending: Eric Wagner, Mary Ann Bridges, Craig Angle, Susan Hoeing, Steve Thoman, Shawn Atkins, Carol Yager, Doug Kreiger (Finance Council), Debbie Banks (newly elected member), Father Gries.

The meeting date was changed from May 6 to May 13 due to numerous conflicts.

The meeting was held in the St Mary multi-purpose room after 6:30p mass. The meeting was opened by Father Gries with a prayer. Minutes were pre-approved by email forum.

Committee Reports

Board of Education-Meeting tonight, May 13, with new principal (Mrs. Kirschner) in attendance. Many activities going on at school and only one week left before summer break.

Cemetery-Section markers placed. Footers have been dug, but not yet poured.

Liturgy-There was no meeting in April.

Finance-\$65,000 due to be paid to Stenz for renovation. This will be paid from parish saving. A loan has not yet been taken. The handicap entrance totaled about \$225,000.

Only about \$60,000 of pledges due not paid. Finance Council continues to work on budget. A small tuition increase was approved, about 2% for parishioners and 4.5% for non-parishioners.

Maintenance-A generator is still needed and on the lists of things to do. Parish has experienced damage to boiler due to water in the basement and a generator could run the sump pump.

Fall Festival-Liquor license has been applied for which is needed for the Saturday night festivities.

Renovation-The re-dedication is June 21st. Invitations will go out soon. The kneelers are slightly narrower and closer to the pews in front of them. This is causing some discomfort. A comment will be in the bulletin this coming weekend. At this point no change is planned as this would be a major re-work. Musicians have problem seeing Father with the new placements and hearing is a problem in the balcony. Overall, the congregation is very happy with the changes and proud of our parish.

Old Business

Church Renovation-At some point help will be needed to move some items still stored or out of place.

Engagement of Young Adults-No activity.

Parish Mission-The Mission has been scheduled for the week of November 8th. It will be lead by Fathers of Mercy from Kentucky.

Directory-We will be putting together a new directory in 2015. Next planning meeting is September 18th.

Thank you-Much appreciation to Eric Wagner for the fantastic job he has done coordinating moves of the church contents. Also he recruited parishioners for the foot washing during Holy Week.

New Business

Budget-Already discussed under Finance Committee.

School Principal-There will be a Meet and Greet after both 7:30 and 10:00 masses on June 8th.

Annual Summary-Carol Yager (secretary) will draft a document for the Annual Report.

Maintenance Committee- It was agreed that a committee should be formed and include the many project needed at the school. The parish has many talented members and many willing to volunteer, but some direction needs to be provided.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 7:55pm.

The next meeting is June 3rd at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Yager
St Mary Parish Council Secretary