

ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting– August 5, 2014

Those attending: Eric Wagoner, Craig Angle, Steve Thoman Shawn Atkins, Susan Hoeing, Doug Krieger (Finance Council), Debbie Banks, Father Gries

The meeting opened at 7:10pm in the St Mary School library with a prayer lead by Father Gries. It was noted that minutes from the June meeting had been approved by Email forum. There was no meeting scheduled in July.

Election of officers for 2014–2015 Parish Council was conducted. Shawn Adkins was elected as Chair, Eric Wagoner as Vice Chair, and Steve Thoman, Secretary.

Assignments for existing committees for 2014–2015 are as follows:

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| Board of Education/School Update----- | Craig Angle |
| Cemetery----- | Shawn Adkins |
| Liturgy----- | Steve Thoman |
| Finance----- | Doug Krieger |
| Maintenance----- | Eric Wagoner |
| Fall Festival----- | Susan Hoeing |

With the completion of the church building restoration project, the renovation committee will be disbanded until further notice.

A new committee assignment was proposed to monitor activities in the area of Faith and Family Life. Specific categories include Baptismal Preparation, Catechists, Confirmation Preparation, Engaged Couple Preparation, RCIA, Religious Education, and Scripture Study Groups. Debbie Banks accepted the assignment to serve as the liaison to provide the Council updates for these functions.

Paul Barada and Don Yager have not received committee assignments at this time. Father Gries will follow up with each to determine which committees they would like to serve.

Committee Reports

Board of Education– A council member was not present at the July meeting. First day of school is August 6, 2014.

Cemetery– Mowing has been completed in a timely manner and all drive areas have been sprayed for weed control. The committee is planning to have the garages painted in 2014.

Liturgy– Committee has not met. Nothing to report.

Finance– Budget has been approved. Due to the timeliness of pledge receipts, the Parish will not need to open a commercial loan to finance the remaining renovation commitments. The final invoices will be paid from Parish savings which will be replenished as more pledge dollars are received.

Maintenance– Tom Giesting has been hired as the new school custodian. Development of a maintenance team to review maintenance needs and perform some small project work is ongoing. No volunteers have been identified for this committee at this time.

John Rosfeld has been contacted and asked to provide a quote for a backup generator to support the sump pumps located in the church basement. He has not yet submitted the quote.

Fall Festival– K of C will host the Triple B Threat event on Saturday night before the festival. The event will be held on campus and will include brats and beer tasting. The festivities will occur from

6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and everyone's help will be needed to sell tickets. Backroads band will perform.

Renovation– No report. Committee will be disbanded until further notice.

Old Business

An organizational planning meeting for the Parish Directory project is scheduled for September 18.

The Rush County Chorale will perform a Christmas Concert in the church on December 6th at 7:30 pm and December 7th at 2:30 pm. They have not submitted the dates that they would like to use for their spring concert.

The work camp that will be coming to Rushville in 2015 has been advertised in the bulletin and applications are available on the tables in the back of church. 35 applications have been received so far with a goal of collecting approximately 100 applications. A prayer board will be available for individuals that wish to sign up and pray for the success of the project.

New Business

A parish–planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 6th.

The Council has agreed that 10% of the net revenue from the 2014 Fall Festival should be set aside as a tithe that will be used to support Rush County charities. An application process will need to be developed that will specify how organizations can apply for the funds and how the awards will be determined.

Strategies were discussed for initiating a more open discussion within the parish regarding finances and the current levels of overall giving.

St. Mary School will participate in a strategic planning process. School leadership will meet monthly from August 2014 to March 2015 with a representative from the Office of Catholic Education, Mary Ann Wechel. She will serve as a proctor for the process.

The roof of the school was inspected to determine the cause of periodic leaks. An assessment revealed that the roof has between 8 and 9 years of useful life remaining before full replacement is needed. The cause of the leaks was identified as deteriorating brick at the flashing transitions. It is thought that repair could require complete removal and rebuilding of the parapet. Roof replacement is estimated at \$180,000. No estimate has been generated for rebuilding of the parapet at this time. The situation will need to be addressed within the next 2–3 years.

The original section of the school building is in need of complete masonry tuck pointing. It is not yet required on the 1955 addition.

Council members reviewed a Priest Residence policy that was released by the Archdiocese. The document details the required attributes of the building, as well as the responsibilities of the Parish, the Priest–Resident and the Archdiocese. It was noted that the current rectory does not comply with the requirement that the residence be in a separate building from the Parish Offices. St. Mary is the only location in the Deanery with this condition. No remedial action needs to be taken at this time.

The St. Mary Golf Outing will be held this Saturday, August 9. Twenty–two teams have signed up with room for more. Cost is \$55 per player. Flights will tee off at 8 am and 1 pm. The golf committee needs to have more assistance with logistics of running the event.

The meeting closed at 8:30 with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Thoman, Parish Council Secretary