

Church of Saints Peter and Paul

PPC Minutes September 22, 2009

Members Present: Brian Van Beusekom, Peg Johnson, Bill Magevas, Jean Turnham, Sharon Hafften, Barb Eitel, Janelle Roban

Guests: Dan Doboszenski, Eric Lloyd, Ted Turnham

Meeting began with prayer by Brian Van Beusekom.

May 26, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Guests:

Eric Lloyd talked to the parish council about the upcoming stewardship weekend. He said that he and Fr. Gallas would be speaking about the stewardship information that is being mailed to the parishioners. In the packet is a letter of financial commitment for the year 2010 and a ministry opportunities form. All forms are to be returned to the parish office by November 1, 2009. Eric talked about the past, present and future of the parish and how we can all pray about our own stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

Finance Council Chair:

Dan Doboszenski stated at the last finance meeting the school submitted a proposed budget for the school year 2009-2010. The finance council also discussed the proposed items the school would like to purchase with marathon proceeds. The finance council approved the purchases. The audit is complete with only two recommendations which the finance council is reviewing. The issue with the fence along the bike trail next to our cemetery is still not completed.

Committee Reports:

Building & Maintenance Committee: Joe Slavec – no report

Liturgy: Bill Magevas

A pew was successfully removed for more handicapped seating. At this time no additional work is needed. The committee is still working on the idea of having a more private confessional constructed. At this time it is still in the planning stage and more funds will be needed if we are to go forward. It was suggested to look into the possibility if another church has a confessional they no longer use. Fr. Gallas will research this avenue. There is discussion about expanding the chapel area, but this is only in the planning stages. The committee reviewed the liturgical calendar and plans to have the same bookmark for Ash Wednesday and also discussed the Advent lighting of candles. **A special thank you goes to Carol Weller for her many years of service in helping with our music ministry.**

Social Civic: Jean Turnham

Coffee and rolls will begin again October 11th on a regular basis after Sunday Masses. There will be a crafting day on October 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Turkey Bingo is scheduled for November 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

Social Justice: Michelle Fritz – no committee report

Fundraising: Barb Eitel

There will be a fundraising meeting on October 13th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the upcoming fundraising events. The school marathon is set for October 3rd. The Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast will take place on October 4th. The new fundraising event is scheduled for December 5th and 7th. Work is in progress and more members are needed on the fundraising committee to help make this event a success. Some suggestions for the holiday event are: Breakfast with St. Nick, live and silent auctions, Christmas store, etc.

Faith Formation: Sharon Hafften

Religious Education started on September 23rd. An Adult Faith Formation class on the Holy Angels was presented by Fr. Gallas and was well attended. It was suggested that the adult session begin at 6:30 p.m. rather than 6:50 p.m. so there isn't a long break after the meal.

Education Advisory: Janelle Roban

The wellness committee is in full swing to promote wellness, good nutrition and regular physical activity. The Marketing committee is brainstorming ideas for this year's marketing plan. The Home & School committee is working on the marathon packets and preparing for the upcoming rummage sale at the end of September. There is an open vice chair position on the Education Advisory committee. Anyone interested should contact Angie Mahoney. Sarah Windlow reports that enrollment is at 101 students with 24 new students.

Pastor: Fr. John Gallas

The daily Mass for the school children is going well. Several parishioners have expressed concern about the flu and how to handle receiving the Eucharist under both species. Discussion took place and the following points were made:

- We are an aging community and a community with many small children
- The cold and flu season is beginning
- Many parishes and dioceses are making changes in this area
- Although people should always refrain from the chalice when sick, often we become sick and contagious prior to becoming symptomatic
- If Holy Communion under both species is given, the priest and/or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are obliged to consume the remaining Precious Blood which puts them at risk.

After discussing these and other points, the parish council members favored making some changes including having the Eucharist under only one species. Fr. Gallas will address this at upcoming Masses. Fr. Gallas mention that if there are volunteers available to answer phones in the parish office it would be appreciated.

The meeting closed with prayer lead by Brian Van Beusekom.