

Parish/Finance Council Joint Meeting
January 8, 2018 6:30 pm

Attendance

Parish Council: Mark Denniston, Blain Crock, Mary Ann Mostaert, Stacy Agnitsch, Ron Nowachek

Finance Council: Dean Ruley, Kathleen Mizaur, Katie Sauer, Brett Moorman

Others: Barb Ihns, Carolyn Proesch

Meeting was brought to order by Mark Denniston at 6:28 pm in Sacred Heart Church library.

Mark explained why the joint meeting, and requested that we continue joint monthly meetings until everyone is comfortable with where the church is at, and what each group is supposed to do.

The meeting was officially opened with the Our Father...

Old business

Discussed updating the directory. Barb and Doris have been working on. It was explained that our numbers have not changed for many years, but know that there have been changes in the numbers. Mark recommended appointing a committee, and asked Barb if she and Doris would like to continue this project. Barb agreed to this and will report back to the committee.

Board pictures. It was requested in the survey done last year that pictures of our boards be provided so everyone knows who they are. It was decided to have Colleen take a group picture after Mass sometime and post on the bulletin board and on the website.

Liturgy sign up. Discussion on having parishioners sign up to help at Mass, to see if more would be willing to help. Stacy will send out a request in the future emails and announce in church, and have a sign up form available. Carolyn added Eucharistic Ministers can be added to our list only once a year, and stated all certificates should be kept at church in the file.

Meeting Minutes and other paperwork. Stacy wanted to know where to put all of the meeting minutes for future reference. Board meetings are in the library and she is to put them in there. CCD meeting minutes should also be filed in the library.

Key request. Carolyn requested a key for the church, as Father has her sometimes bring stuff here. Carolyn briefly explained what she does for Father and the parishes, and things that are being talked about. Father is requesting that all churches do an inventory, including photos, so that when things are borrowed by other churches, they get back to the correct church. It was requested that if Carolyn is going to be in charge of that, that someone from our church be part of it. Carolyn agreed, and will work with Nadine to get a time set and get the inventory started. Mark asked for someone to make a motion for a key for Carolyn. Motion made by Blain, Ron 2nd, all in favor: Mark, Blain, Ron, Dean, Stacy, Mary Ann, Katie, Brett. Nay: Kathy. Motion passed.

During the conversation about keys, Mark asked if there was a list of who had keys. No list exists, so it was decided Stacy would send an email and announce in church about who has a key and anyone who no longer needs their key.

Mark brought up recent report he received from Sue that said Carolyn was paid for her duties, and no one was sure who approved it. Comments were received that while Carolyn was doing a great job, no one really knew what she did and why she should be paid. Barb pointed out there were lots of volunteers in our church who do many things but were not paid. Discussion will continue next month when Father gets back, and will be discussed further at the next tri-parish meeting.

Side conversation began about the church insurance. She wondered who was in charge of it, and if we had adequate coverage for a reasonable cost. Sue may have the information regarding the coverage, so Kathy could contact her for more information. Stacy gave her JoAnn Pohland's contact information, and JoAnne should be able to give her the name of the insurance contact.

Brett and Mark were discussing the report Sue sends regarding the status of the church accounts. Everyone agreed they were hard to read and not easy to understand. After some discussion, Brett volunteered to meet with Sue and discuss how the report is printed, and see if there was a better way to report information without giving Sue too much additional work.

Kathy asked if Brett and Katie would consider learning from Sue how to do the bookkeeping, and then taking it over. Brett said he would gladly meet with Sue, but neither he nor Katie thought they would want the responsibility of the job.

New Business

Bequests. At this time any bequests are not "officially" kept track of. No one was really sure where the money was put in the monthly reports, and how much was left after any was spent. Nadine has been working on this, and Mark thought maybe another committee should be appointed for this. Brett was going to talk to Sue about how to add a separate line to keep track of this, and bring this back to the group next time.

Mass counts. Stacy handed around the sheet of counts since September/October. Numbers are listed below:

Monte will continue counts, and those numbers will be shared to see what the change in time does to the counts.

Mass times. The current time has just begun, and it seems to be ok. Barb requested that the Saturday of kolache baking Mass be moved to 6 pm instead of 5 so that the church is cleaned up and ready for parishioners. Carolyn said just let her know and the change will be made. On that thought they discussed the first Sunday of the month having Sunday Mass as well. Ron made a motion to not have Sunday morning Mass, Mary Ann seconded, all ayes. Motion passed.

Barb provided an update on Guild activities. She discussed new stove and other expenses she knew they had paid for.

Stacy talked about CCD, with Katie adding anything missed. Everything is going well, and there are about 19 kids, 8 of which are confirmation and 3 are first communion.

Carolyn added more information about what she does. She will be sending an email to Stacy with what her duties are, and will talk more next month at our monthly meeting and at the tri-parish meeting.

Sue was not available for tonight's meeting.

Mark talked about keeping up with the joint meetings, and explained what each group was responsible for according to our meeting in Wheatland.

Father Francis had requested that we meet again on February 3, 2018 after Mass. There may be some members that will not be available, but there will be a meeting for those who can make it. All agreed.

Reminder that the tri-parish meeting is February 20, 2018, 6:30 pm in Grand Mound.

Mark led everyone in the closing prayer, Hail Holy Queen.

Ron made a motion to adjourn, Katie seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Agnitsch, Secretary
Sacred Heart Parish Council