

Parish Council Meeting Minutes - 5/19/2014

Members in attendance -Mark Carpenter, Jim Bagniewski, Jessica Boland, Maggie Braun, Jenny Divney, Kathy Running

- Meeting Started with Father James leading us in prayer
- Father asked what we are hearing from parishioners; what are talking about so he can stay attune to parish concerns etc.?
 - o Members thought once we were better known by parish members we would hear more things, but at this time many parishioners do not know who we are
- Parish Council Members are to fill out the template Father James has and will send out -
 - o We need to send this information to Sherri on or before May 30th - the information that is requested includes a picture
 - o This information will be printed in the bulletin maybe feature two a week so parishioners get to know us
- Welcome Back Weekend - Sept 7th at the Park
 - o The Storytellers of La Crosse have the park and shelter rented for the weekend and like last year we (Jessica Boland) will meet with their group leader and discuss the possibility of teaming up with them for our Sunday Parish Welcome back Picnic.
 - o The thought was that we would pay at most \$500 to use the facility and the Storyteller's tents.
 - o We thought it would be appropriate to pay 1/3rd the cost
 - o Dan W would be contacted in regard to food
 - o Andy Wettstein has a large device for cooking and in conversation with Father, indicated his willingness to cook for the parish if it worked out
- 50th Anniversary Committee
 - o Pig Roast - we would need parish assistance with the food preparation
 - o June 22nd after the 11:15 mass
 - o Father James' brother will roast & smoke the Pig
 - o Thanksgiving Pot Luck/50th Anniversary
 - Mon senior Mark Pearce would give a little talk after the meal but before the mass portion of the evening
 - Father James will give an overview of his Rome Trip
 - o What would a 3rd event be that we could plan to celebrate the parish's 50th Birthday?

- Different Ideas were discuss - like the blessing of the church's crucifix and? - a Spring Event - Renovation of church upon its completion
 - Bring back ideas for a 3rd event
 - Easter is April 3, 2015
 - o As a group we don't know what cost limitations there might be
 - It may be possible to have someone from the Finance Council meet with us
- Finance Committee
 - o The Diocese is checking to see if each of the parishes are following procedures
 - One of the concerns is how parish members, count money after each mass -
 - One of the concerns is having a couple count money together
 - Father James wasn't as concerned about this but we will have to address the issue - We count the money with others present and people walking in and out of the room and so the possibility of a couple stealing money is less likely.
 - Our income is a little behind last years but Father didn't think it was anything to be overly concerned with
 - Parishioner renewal will be online this year which most of the committee thought was a good change.
 - The question was how we can reach out to inactive parishioners? This needs additional discussion time.
 - Building and Ground Committee
 - Wheelchair ramp needs a little repair because of where a car hit it
 - Some chairs are bent and need repair
 - Father is developing a list of needs
 - There is no student Custodian at this time, if there are concerns/needs Doug needs to be contacted
 - The carpet in front and back of church needs cleaning - this summer
- Department Report
 - Kathy Nichols was at the meeting to share some information about the PSF program
 - There will be a solid 15-21 PSF students for the 2014-15 school year

- PSF is the 1st Sunday of each month
 - The students will be walked over to the Church Picnic on Sept 7th.
 - PSF is K-6th Grade
 - 7&8th Grade is Edge (Youth Ministry)
- Update on Parking Lot Situation
 - o UW-L is looking at some building plans that involve the parking area were Parishioners Park - Father James and Mark have met with UW-L Admin and will continue to meet as decisions are made.
 - o Mark shared the number of parking spaces that are available from the Family & Children Center and UW-L. There is a total of 110 parking places presently.
 - o More will be shared as it develops
- It was suggested that we use Google Docs for minutes etc.
 - o Council members bring a laptop or similar device to meetings
 - o Father agreed to provide us a chart of the different committees and members of the committees
- Next Meeting August 18th