

February 18, 2016

Parish Council Meeting minutes

Those present: Father Beckman, Teresa Morgan, Margaret Post, Gary Busche, Nathan Helwig, Jeff Banas, Sam Abusada, Jason Dumont, Gretchen Brown, Becky Kaeffring

Guests: Richard Anderson, Mary Anderson

I. Opening Prayer

II. Gretchen

A. Remodeling

1. Pew reupholstering discussed.
2. Gold painting discussed.
3. Motion and second made to move ahead with pews and gold paint.

B. Choir loft railing

1. Roy Wilson getting 3 bids for adding 8 inches to the railing to be insurance compliant
2. Jason will have someone come give a bid as well.

C. 40 Days for Life

1. Table was put up, will move to upper west entrance
2. Father announces the prayer vigil

D. Institute for Religious Life trip

1. Sister Teresa chartering a bus. St. Wenceslaus donated the bus cost
2. Maybe Sister will go to Regina? Father will talk to Sister and have her talk to Shelly Conlon

E. Symbolon breach?

1. Presented letter we received via e-mail regarding possible breach
2. Decided it was not, as our parish password is actually public knowledge

F. Finances

1. Condensed profit and loss insert being added to bulletin
2. Chris to add offertory total to bulletin monthly

III. Father Beckman

A. Stations

1. Parish votes was 179 relocate to 30 retain.
2. Priest interested in receiving them presented to his parish. Will work out financial gift if they ultimately decide to receive them.
3. It was thought that we would need larger stations than the sample one presented. However, next size up is cost-prohibitive

B. Sanctuary lamp

1. Proposal for a 14 day candle hanging high above the crucifix
2. Attached with a cable that would be remote control

C. Statues/High altar

1. Some parishioners are asking to replace the wooden statues
2. Father presented idea of a high altar and side altars with statues.

D. Question raised about funding

1. Carpeting (\$11,000) and painting(\$17,000) covered by 2013 and 2014 ADA "overages"
 2. This year, 2015, pledges exceeded goal by about \$13,000, and already collected more than \$62,000
 3. This years excess will go toward pew reupholstering (~\$9,000), with money still left over
- E. Question raised about foundation
1. Mitigating currently by additional dehumidifier, window well coverings, and drainage tiles added
 2. No evidence of new damage, but do need to watch the ice chunks on north facing exhaust pipes
- F. Gretchen willing to do a "State of the Parish" again this year.
- G. Motion and second made to move forward with new stations and sanctuary lamp
- H. Would like to get an industrial carpet runner. Rethwisch are interested in donating one
- I. Stewardship Day-parish will reimburse fees for council members to attend
- J. Bulleting board for downstairs outside elevator-Pat and Fr. will purchase

IV. Mary Anderson

- A. Requested WiFi in the church basement
 - B. Discussion regarding a booster from Father's rectory
 - C. Sam will check into a booster
- **Note: after meeting discussion with software professional-booster will slow Father's WiFi speed**

V. Richard Anderson

- A. Fortnight for Freedom picnic
- B. Will continue, but try to get more parish-wide involvement.

VI. Gary

- A. New flagpole installed and dedicated
- B. Grounds keeping
 1. Will put something in bulletin regarding need for help mowing.
 2. May need new equipment
- C. Working with Becky on flower beds at 619, and front of the rectory

VII. Margaret

- A. Altar and Rosary correspondence
 1. March 19th is bake sale
 2. Would like to increase the number of large print missalettes
 3. Color of bulletin is awful and print is too small

**note-adding another 1/2 page, and will try black and white

 4. Bulletin contains lots of information that is irrelevant
 5. Concerned about wilting roses at the statue of the Blessed Virgin
 6. Silk flowers on altar need to be re-touched

7. Member wants more real flowers on the altar. Told, however, that things can't be added without approval by Teresa or Father
8. Carpet on altar going to be replaced?

VIII. Vote for stations- unanimous vote of parish council to relocate the current stations of the cross

IX. Closing prayer

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Brown