

September 15, 2016
Parish Council Meeting minutes

Those present: Teresa Morgan, Father Beckman, Becky Kaeffring, Debbie Kratz, Jeff Banas, Ellen Poliskey, Ben Kratz, Nathan Hellwig, Gretchen Brown, Sam Abusada, Ellen Abusada

I. Opening prayer

II. Misc--Ellen P reporting for parishioner requesting automatic closures on restroom doors in basement

- A. Recurrent problems in the past and currently
 1. Door gets stuck depending on weather-child stuck inside, people not able to use restroom
 2. Formation of mold on baseboards and walls
- B. Council voted to leave door closures off.
- C. Ellen P will ask Pat to notify parishioner of council's decision
- D. Note--an allen wrench will be made for the single handicap restroom for emergencies

III. Regina School Board report-Kathy Shey

- A. April Rouner resigned as Regina Foundation President
- B. Capital campaign is still in the "silent phase."
- C. Good start to the new school year
- D. All students in grades 7-12 have Chrome Books
- E. Dual enrollment pilot being done and committees continuing to evaluate feasibility

IV. Youth ministry report-Ellen Poliskey

- A. Middle school youth group went well
 1. Kids were engaged
 2. Around 9 or 10 children participated
- B. "Sunday School"-activities for K-5th grade
 1. Currently meeting from 9-10am in the conference room
 2. Based on last week's class, Ellen will try to incorporate more activities to keep kids engaged
- C. High school youth group was this week
 1. Went very well.
 2. Kids voted to do a Formed video series
 3. Kids wanted to meet more frequently, so planning on twice monthly
- D. Discussion ensued regarding best time for the elementary kids to meet for "Sunday School."
 1. It was brought up that kids after 10:00 are being missed as it might be difficult to go to activity before Mass.
 2. Discussed varying the activity time to accommodate some 9:00 times and some 11:00 times monthly.
 3. Also discussed doing something with kids during the 4th Sunday potluck.
 4. Ellen and Father will put together a plan based on feedback

V. Social Action-Debbie Kratz

- A. Pro-life Committee
 1. Very active
 2. Lots of wonderful things going on
- B. Free lunch
 1. Running a deficit of about \$40/month.
 2. Finance council approved additional money
 3. They will start to need new volunteers
- C. Pantry Sunday

1. Monica Maloney-Mitros currently transports donations to Crisis Center
 2. Needs occasional help to transport if she is out of town.
 3. Donations are stored in the conference room if extras come in during the week or Monica is out of town.
- D. Winter clothing/coat drive; Angel Tree; Parent Gift distribution
1. Debbie is gathering information
 2. Working with coordinators of events so that we can hopefully participate
- E. Prison Ministry
1. A really nice overview was given to the council
 2. At times, there have been 35-40 men participating in weekly activities
 3. Now, about 7 people out of about 250 inmates participate
 4. There are 3 volunteers that provide mass once/month and services
 5. Services: RCIA, Catholic Bibles, monthly publications, pamphlets on rosary or chaplet recitation, catechism, books on saints, palms, ashes, reconciliation
- F. Tried to call nearby parish nurse to get information, but unable to reach after several attempts

VI. President's report-Teresa Morgan

- A. New Time/Talent/Treasure forms being distributed this weekend
- B. Pat and Ellen will make copies for commission heads when an applicable survey is turned in
- C. November 13 is stewardship Sunday--Father will mention remaining needs

VII. Pastor's Report-Father Beckman

- A. ADA kickoff Sept 27/28
 1. Letters going out next week
 2. Goal this year is \$62,443
 3. 100% of the amount over our goal is returned to the parish for our discretionary use
 4. Thermometer to track progress will be set up before Sept 27th
- B. Parking
 1. Mercy Hospitals rents parking spaces
 2. May need to consider signage for private parking as others are using the lot
 3. Other churches in the area have "private" signs for parking
 4. Lot being used for park patrons, college students, elementary school children pick up
 5. Will get signs indicating church parking only

VIII. Trustee's Report-Gretchen Brown

- A. Gold leafing done
- B. Pews, tiling done
- C. Stations due at the end of Sept, and sanctuary lamp to be installed within next couple of weeks
- D. Financial breakdown of projects and funding to be included in ADA letter from Fr. Beckman

IX. Liturgy Commission-Nathan Hellwig-nothing to report

X. Faith Formation-Jeff Banas

- A. Met with Kathie Staley to get run-down of activities
- B. Kathie still happy to coordinate the Journeys in Faith Speaker's Forum

XI. Family Life and Service-Ben Kratz

- A. 623 Fairchild ground work is done at 623 Fairchild rental.
 1. Excavating yard is done

2. Coming to do the gutters as well
- B. Ben to check with Catherine Sloan-ok to have 4th Sunday potluck this month (or Fall dinner prep going on?)

XII. Unfinished business

- A. Welcome envelopes for visitors to place contributions
 1. Can we use as a welcome/parishioner sign up as well?
 2. Ellen P to inquire whether we can customize the wording on the envelope
- B. Facebook
 1. Kathy Shey happy to have assistance
 2. Ellen P was made an administrator (she has goal of one post/day)
 3. Mary Balmer was made an editor
- C. Industrial strength rugs
 1. We want to protect the investment in carpet
 2. Sam will check with HON to see what they use
 3. Sam will also check with Paul Kaeffring to see what he recommends
- D. Ecumenical Towers
 1. Handout giving history of the project made by Grace Jochimsen handed out
 2. Council invited to open house on Oct 23rd
- E. Parish Council pictures
 1. Frame with parish council members' photos was made and will be hung
 2. Pictures also on the web-site.

XIII. Closing prayer

XIV. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Brown