



Parish Council Meeting

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April 7, 2014

Present: Father Anthony, Mary & Clarence Ledford, Elizabeth Even, Melody Lee, Boyd Bamcourt, Jan Duckro, Mitzi Federico

Absent: Leona Peszka, Liz Rosenberger, Rachelle Webb, Guy Lemakos

LEADER'S WORKSHOP

The workshop was well attended with 46 ministry leaders present. Dale Brown presented a reflective talk, gave us many ideas and books to use in our diverse ministry needs. There were 28 surveys turned in. Review of the surveys revealed the following:

STRENGTHS – Our priests are excellent leaders, we have a strong core of leaders, Outreach Ministry is doing an excellent job

IMPROVEMENTS – Communications, bulletin errors, overall ministry planning committee needed

2014 FOCUS – Improve communications, sound systems in both church and parish center, repair broken things in the parish/better planning/too many things going on at the same time.

Many feel these types of workshops should be held twice a year in an effort to stay in touch with the activities of all the ministries.

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MINISTRY FAIR
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Low attendance was disappointing, but there were some new members added to the following ministries:

Free English 2	Women's CRHP 2
Nurses 1	St Vincent De Paul 3
God's Housekeepers 1	EM's 7
Sacristan's 2	

It has been recommended we feature a different ministry each month in the bulletin and display their banner in the Narthex for that month. This might be an ongoing effective way to let the people know what we do and encourage them to join us.

We still need a complete, accurate list of the ministry heads – Jan and Melody will continue trying to accomplish this.....

The new Registration form was discussed and reviewed. The Ministry sheet is comprehensive and should help new parishioners see what is offered by the parish.

OUTREACH

We are investigating forming a new ministry similar to “Make a Wish” only this would not be restricted to just children in the Parish. It would be open to anyone needing extra love from their spiritual family. We will have a formal application process. Applications will be submitted to the Parish Council for their review and acceptance. Followed by the Outreach Committee fulfilling the wish.

One name suggestion: “Sacred Heart Fulfills a Fantasy”. Not sure about the exact name but something similar would work.

Guidelines will be established and information will be distributed to the ministry heads for potential recipients. Council feels the ministries would be more aware of situations of need within the parish.

TECHNOLOGY NEEDS

The parish is in need of a person to help us stay current in the tech field of communications. Maybe a part time position for a student in college. This person would handle our web site, photography, video recording, flock note, email alerts, google calendar, etc.

Please keep this in mind when meeting with your ministries.... Any recommendations, please e mail Father Anthony.

WEDDING PROMOTION

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We feel Sacred Heart is not actively being promoted for its beauty for weddings! We discussed organizing and promoting weddings would be a per wedding position and would need to be someone with experience in organizing and maintaining communications with brides in their planning.

Anyone interested or qualified should contact the office and talk to Father Anthony.

COUNCIL SUGGESTIONS

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Lenten bulletin schedule – it needs to be more detailed for times and locations of devotions, etc. The trifold from 2012 was the most detailed as to time and location. Each day was listed with the particulars. Many people have been confused as to start times and locations this year.

Stations of the Cross – a detailed schedule needs to be posted to the ministries next year. There has been confusion this year as to which ministry is scheduled to lead. Kim should assign the ministry and make them stick to it. Too much changing around dates. Some individual families have asked if they could lead the Stations. Something to think about for next year.

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Fish Fry – since we started the 6 pm Mass many folks have had a problem with attending the fish fry, then Mass and Stations. We are recommending

next year starting the fish fry later, maybe 5:30 to 7:30. Stations could start at 7pm. Mass would remain at 6pm allowing people to eat in between or before Mass.

Sunday Mass schedule – we discussed changing the times permanently and feel it would create a lot of dissension. If we were to change, it most likely would be the 8 am Mass would be changed to 7:30. More discussion will be in order at future meetings.

Parish Mission – Even though Father's mission was very good, it was too difficult to hear him. The new microphone didn't help. Future missions need to have dynamic, forceful speakers for most all to hear.

Next Council meeting will be Monday, May 5th. Location to be announced later – it will be a dinner meeting.
