

January 2010 Parish Council Meeting Summary

The Parish Council met on January 26. Vic Trutwin presented bids for road repair in the cemetery. Additional bids will be collected. The Cemetery Board is recommending removal of trees that are causing monuments to tip. The Cemetery Board and Parish Council will meet at the cemetery this spring to review both projects.

The Finance Council reported that the decision was made to proceed with completion of the new bathrooms for the church basement. It was estimated that, if the parish would provide some volunteer labor, the cost would be about \$37,000. They recommended that all new parish fund raisers be communicated with the Finance Council and Parish Council to avoid duplication and conflicts. Also, every attempt needs to be made to coordinate events between Annunciation Parish and our church.

The Liturgy Committee is recommending a design change for the new baptismal font within the amount of funds allocated through memorials for Janie Hackett. The fund currently has \$8,600. Russ Hackett has approved the change. The council discussed better ways to accommodate the large crowds for some of our Masses.

“Journey of Faith” is going well. There are 153 youth and about 100 adults participating. Confirmation Candidates took part in a weekend Confirmation retreat at the NET Ministry Center in West St. Paul. Pat Spence thanked the parish for their financial support.

Father Wenzel’s report reported that he felt the Christmas Masses went well and that attendance was good in spite of the snowy weather.

Sandy Durant & Jackie Wruck gave a report on possible changes to our funeral lunch program. They will work with Pat Spence on a draft letter and new process and bring it back to the February council meeting. The Finance Council will discuss changes to funeral luncheon costs that will be assessed to the deceased person’s family, due to the discontinuation of the Cub receipt program, which yielded about \$200 each quarter.

Sandra Saldana & Joan Donavon will lead another ATV Raffle fund raiser beginning in May and culminating with a parish event in September. The goal is to see 2,000 tickets at \$10 each. The council discussed ways to recruit co-chairs for the Fish Fry fund raisers since this will be Tom & Peggy Kubat’s final year as chairpersons. The suggestion was made to have three couples lead it, each having responsibility for one area: shopping, food preparation, and serving & clean up. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Scott Beierman reported on his review of the kitchen range. It would be very costly to purchase and install an electric range or a gas range with automatic pilot lights. The council decided to always keep the kitchen locked, those using the kitchen turning off the gas before they leave, and a process enforced where whoever is using the kitchen signs out a key from the office and receives a check list. This checklist must be signed and returned after use, so the user is responsible for the condition of the kitchen. This will be brought back to the next meeting. Scott also got a quote of \$1,025 for installing copper flashing around the steeple to prevent further leaking. This was forwarded to the Finance Council.

Year for Priests was discussed. Priesthood Sunday will be celebrated on October 23 & 24. Pat Spence has ordered a DVD with interviews of priests for the parish library. Other ideas are being sought.

The Council and Father Wenzel will invite Bishop Kinney for a September 26th celebration of our church’s 125th Anniversary. Other ideas for the celebration were also discussed.

Mass counts will continue until the joint meeting of the Annunciation and Immaculate Conception Parish Council Meeting.

The Council approved the following items for the parish wish list: kneeling adoring angel statues for the front of the church, a ciborium to match the chalice, Lenten chasuble, and a large-screen tv and stand for overflow Masses.

The next meeting is February 23rd.