

St. Anthony Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday, May 18 2017

Present: Delrae Hulm, Laura Hulm, Therese Beitelspacher, Mary Schmaltz, Dan Imdieke, Janette Volk, Carol Ogren, Charles Pavlicek, Derald Gefroh
Staff: Fr. Dave Zimmer, Susan Schumacher, Maria Bichler

Fr. Dave opened the meeting with our Parish Prayer at 7:02 pm.

The March meeting minutes were moved by Janette and seconded by Derald. Minutes approved.

There were no April meeting minutes as the April 20 meeting was canceled.

Parish Council Review: Starting July 1, the goal is to combine the parish councils of St. Anthony, St. Katherine and St. Paul. This combined council would then serve as the parish council as well as the stewardship council. The annual meeting would be fewer and the members would be less (appropriate proportions to each parish). The Bishop has already mandated for parishes to have stewardship councils. We currently do not have such a committee. Because the need of the parish council is spiritual, not building and ground or finances; less meetings are practical. Whether this be every other month or quarterly has yet to be determined. The meeting days, times or location have not been finalized. Discussion noted new perspectives and fresh ideas can be gained from combining the three parishes. New bylaws will need to be created for the combined council. Fr. Dave said, if a combined council does not work; each individual parish council will need to also serve as a stewardship council. The council discussed that in our parish, we have had many young families married and move back, yet they are not involved and are not coming to Mass. What else can we do to bring our young families back to the church? The council agreed they will not volunteer unless they are directly asked. Fr. Dave asked if stewardship is our way of life in our parishes. He noted on the success of the stewardship work in the Wichita Diocese. He said there is no size restriction on the discipleship of stewardship. He believes stewardship is the future of every parish. The council proposed Father write about stewardship way of life in the weekly bulletin. Also, if we could include a running list/column of what we need in our parish for stewardship and volunteering. This may help people be aware of what goes on during a weekly basis; there are things not being done because we don't have people doing the small jobs. The MinisTree program through Catholic United Financial was discussed, which we currently are enrolled in.

Maintaining Our Legacy: An update on the pledged and received amounts was given. Now the question is: How do we follow up? How do we get 100% participation from our parishioners? The council thinks we should follow up with everyone we have not heard back from. We need to show them the importance of keeping what we have for future generations. It is our responsibility to maintain what our fore fathers built. There has been confusion between our long-standing building and grounds fund (for general maintenance) and our Maintaining Our Legacy fund, initiated by the Building and Grounds Committee; an explanation needs to be made.

Elevator Update: We believe all costs, with a \$1,000.00 deductible, will be covered by insurance. We need to decide if we should enter a service agreement with our elevator company. We have never had a service agreement over the life of our elevator. Even with the recent damage and associated costs, we are money ahead by not having had a service agreement. However, travel costs are covered with a service agreement and we cannot afford to have the elevator break down again. The finance council will make this decision for the 2017-2018 budget.

Other Items: Our Parish Council supper will be Wednesday, July 12 with social at 6:30 p.m., and supper at 7 p.m. A formal invitation will follow.

Father closed the meeting with prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22 at 7 a.m. at the Parish Center.