

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 06/26/12

Members Present: Father Troy, Rich Pierson, Heidi Vittetoe, Phyllis Hofer, Nicole Stoutner, and Sonia Leyva.
Members Absent: Genoveva Diaz, Paul Horak, Edgar Gutierrez, Thomas Johnson, Carl Berst, Jesse Johnston, and Beth McBride.

The meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Hofer at 7:10 pm. Father Troy led the council in prayer.

No corrections or additions to the minutes for the May 22nd meeting—approved as written.

New member: Nicole Stoutner, new school board representative replacing Mike Driscoll.

Church Life: Fr. Troy reported parish picnic will be held on Sunday, July 29th in the church lawn after 12:15pm bilingual mass.

Faith Formation: Fr. Troy reported that over 70 children have signed up for the vacation bible school.

Family Life. No report.

Liturgy and Worship: Fr. Troy reported eucharistic adoration is a time to be quiet and respectful, due to recent difficulties with this a flyer will be put up during these times as a reminder. There will be a holy hour this Thursday, June 28th from 8-9 PM for Fortnight for Freedom. Discussion took place regarding changing from 4 to 3 masses in Washington in the near future that will involve one mass in Columbus Junction. Further discussion regarding mass times will take place in August meeting.

Maintenance: Acoustic tiles will be placed soon in St. James school gym area. Renovation will take place in cleaning the glass wall in the Baptismal area...discussing whether to hire professional help or clean glass wall ourselves. Still need a representative from the Maintenance Committee to serve on Parish Council. Discussed first phase of renovation, Fr. Troy hopes it will be completed by end of 2012. Discussed how to keep progress going.

Social Action: Phyllis Hofer reported Meals on Wheels is going on for a 5 week period. On August 11th, St. James will be helping with Saturday Kitchen, volunteers are needed.

Stewardship: Rich Pierson reported Mary Ward, Teresa Beemblosom, Rich Pierson, and Fr. Troy will be attending a stewardship conference in Wichita in August.

School Board: Nicole Stoutner reported that this year they are switching over to online registration, however, they still need to come in and discuss payment with Mary. Currently have 77-78 students enrolled in K-6th grade. Tim Kleese and Joe Harvey are the new board members. Newly elected president is Ryan Flannery and vice president is Matt Miller.

Finance Council: Heidi Vittetoe reported new budget was discussed at the last meeting and will be finalized in July. Monetary Giving at Sunday masses has been consistently increasing over the last 10 years. Fr. Troy reported that there is generous stewardship in our parish. Newly elected people are as follows: President Laura Fisher, Vic pres Denny Drish, and sec Terry Engelken.

Youth: No report.

Fr. Troy report: Fr. Troy reported no applicant for music ministry coordinator position has been found as of yet. Looking for a scheduler for the musicians. What are essential to us in growing in our faith, what can be eliminated so we can do "less things better" and not let people become "burnt out" in what they volunteer in. We have lost the real priority of what we are about as a parish, we are not about creating so many commissions, but to go out and make a difference and evangelizing and sharing our faith outside the parish. Need to focus more on building the church outside of the boundaries of the building.

Old Business: Still have vacancies in the following committees: maintenance, church life, and social action.

New Business: School clean to be held in July, volunteers are needed.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Troy. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 28th. No July meeting.

Recorded by: Sonia Leyva, Secretary
Pending Approval at August 28th meeting, election of officers.

CURRENT COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Father Troy Richmond (Priest)

Vacancy (Maintenance)

Heidi Vittetoe (Lay Director)

Genoveva Diaz (Faith Formation)

Nicole Stoutner (School Board)

Paul Horak (Liturgy/Worship/Prayer)

Edgar Gutierrez/Thomas Johnson (Youth, At Large)

Phyllis Hofer (Social Action)

Carl Berst (Trustee)

Becky Adam (Church Life)

Rich Pierson (Stewardship)

Sonia Leyva (At Large)

Jesse Johnston (At Large)

Beth McBride (Family Life)