

EPIPHANY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 13, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Conneran, Fr. Thomas Dufner, Joeleen Famoso, Miles Kennedy, Mike Kraft, Paul Lindemann, Gail Mikolich, Wendy Mueller, Jean Phillippi, Colette Selby, Jay Tomaszewski, Jim Warren

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.

OPEN MIC:

Bernice Olson commented on several ideas. She shared her positive feelings about the food given to the needy during the holidays and wondered if the practice could include Easter baskets this year. She was disappointed with the replacement of the old Creche and felt there was an overabundance of Christmas decorations. She prefers simplicity on the altar.

COMMISSION FOCUS – LITURGY

All Liturgy Commission Ministry Coordinators are responsible for

Ensuring their ministries are carried out at every liturgy

Direction is provided by the clergy and the director

Fr. Dufner and Fr. Marquard – Clergy

Anne Phillips – Director of Music and Liturgy

Liz Grefsheim and Anne Phillips – Music

Becky Germundson – Sacristans

Frank Ronneng – Ushers

Paul Lindemann – Lectors

Clydee Schultz – Sound/Powerpoint

Rose Friis – Environment

John Haley – Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion

And Funeral Sacristans

PARISH LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION

The Commissions have evolved over the years and during the next few months, each Commission will develop their best idea on how their Commission should run in the future. A group might not meet on a monthly basis depending on what their task is. A review of the present goals and purpose will determine their future goals.

During this process, the Council is also looking at the design of the Council. It was determined that the members need to provide opportunities for the parishioners to express their opinions. One important task is to advise the Pastor on items that arise, as well as methods to reach out to the parish as a whole to share the vision of the Church.

One suggestion made was using a monthly e-mail during the year to communicate upcoming events or information that do not necessarily require a meeting. This would be more than a notice of upcoming events, but would also inform leaders of topics regarding the parish and the archdiocese.

Another thought expressed was that Commissions get people involved in parish activities, but that is not necessarily the work of a Parish Council. It could be that the Commissions work separately during the year and only come together with a small Parish Council group a couple times a year. A smaller group of parishioners who would form the Council would focus on broad issues that set the direction of the Parish. The Commissions would focus on their individual activities, such as Springfest, budgets and Liturgy.

The agenda for the meeting of commission chair should include opportunities for learning about the other commissions, hearing Father's vision for the parish and receiving updates on the parish (what we've done, what we're doing and what's coming up). Another valuable component of the Parish Council meetings

At the February meeting, each Commission is to provide a recommendations on how their Commission can best be structured in the future.

5 MINUTE CATECHISM

Father shared that throughout the history of the church many of the most humble and charitable saints have emphasized the worthiness of creating beautiful churches to house Jesus in the Eucharist.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Faith Formation -

110 teens attended the Winter Blast and Epiphany had the most students. It was well organized with 22 parishes attending. There is a planned middle school retreat and the high school students will be attending March for Life. First Eucharist meetings are happening and Family Faith and RCIC are resuming. Epiphany is the host site for the Archdiocesan sponsored Women's conference. The Commission will be evaluating their mission statement and reviewing how many times they will meet, as well as defining the roles of our members.

Pastoral Care and Outreach – Colette Selby will be attending a meeting on abuse in older life with the Anoka County Community Response Committee. They will be

identifying ways to connect these adults with services that can help them. Colette will also check into Bernice's request for Easter baskets for needy families.

School Advisory Council - They had a speaker at the November meeting that spoke on classical education. This is Jim Warren's last meeting. His term is up and a new representative will attend the February Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be a volunteer appreciation evening held on April 11, beginning with the 5:30 Mass and then a party from 6:30 – 9:00.

Clyde will provide the music and Council members should plan on being the workers.

The Parish Council is responsible for hospitality at all the Masses on February 8. Mike Kraft asked for volunteers.

5:30 – Miles Kennedy

7:30 – Jay Tomaszewski

9:00 – Jay Tomaszewski

11:00 – Joeleen Famoso

5:30 – Gail Mikolich and Colette Selby

Mike will send out e-mail to the other members asking for their help at one of the Masses.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be a full leadership body.

6:30 – Prayer/Dinner/Speaker

7:15 – Commission meetings

8:30 – Parish Council meeting