

EPIPHANY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 10, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Conneran, Jane Fabozzi, Joeleen Famoso, Miles Kennedy, Mike Kraft, Paul Lindemann, Fr. Luke Marquard, Greg Mueller representing Wendy Mueller, Colette Selby, Jay Tomaszewski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fr. Thomas Dufner, Jean Phillippi

The minutes of the January meeting were approved with the change of wording – “Epiphany is the host site for a Women’s conference for the Archdiocese”.

There were no participants for Open Mic.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissions were asked to make their recommendations on how their Commissions would operate in the future on matters such as meeting times and agenda items.

Faith Formation: They want to participate more and will convert to a working Commission. Each Commission member will work closely with a staff member on a particular area. They will have a monthly meeting for all members.

Finance: This Commission will meet 4 times a year as a full Commission. There will be 4-6 sub-committee meetings during the year depending on a specific need. This system has been used during the last two years and has proven very successful.

Pastoral Care and Outreach: They have not defined a structure yet. They will make contract with their ministries quarterly and make a yearly assessment of them. This commission’s role is advisory. Another area they will look at is a discernment process to evaluate new groups that wish to be part of our parish. It is understood that potential new ministries will come through the commissions to the Parish Council.

Operations: Greg Mueller reported this group will use an assessment process on all structural items to be addressed and make a recommendation to the Pastor and Parish Administrator. This Commission has been project driven as specific events or issues surface. There are no regular meetings. Developing a capital plan is on the agenda. They will look at the entire facility to determine when something has to be replaced or repaired. One suggestion made was to conduct an annual review of the whole facility with the eyes of a stranger. Sometimes we are so familiar with our surroundings that we don’t see items that require attention, repair or replacement. It was also suggested that they connect with the Coon Rapids Sustainability Commission.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

School Advisory Council: The Council welcomed Jane Fabozzi as the Chair of this board. The structure is pre-set and they will have monthly meetings from September

through June. Their Council is comprised of 9 members. There are many things happening and their regular meetings are very important. Jane will be publishing their upcoming open meeting.

Faith Formation: Family Fun night was very successful with 120 people in attendance. LENT IT UP will occur on March 13. Joeleen also shared a poster announcing the Prodigal Son talks that will be held on Feb. 24, 25 and 26. Epiphany will be the host site for The Hunger on March 6 and 7. There are 20 youth signed up.

Jay requested more follow through on all the Commissions when new volunteer names are submitted. This is necessary to keep our ministries alive and active. Sometimes new volunteers are not contacted or their information changes and the office is not alerted. The office is working on developing a current roster of all volunteers to insure they are accurately listed on the parish roster. The chairs are asked to help update this roster and help keep it current.

The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday, March 10 starting at 7:00 pm.