

EPIPHANY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 10, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Conneran, Fr. Thomas Dufner, Jane Fabozzi, Miles Kennedy, Mike Kraft, Wendy Mueller, Jean Phillippi, Colette Selby, Jay Tomaszewski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joeleen Famoso, Paul Lindemann

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted with some minor changes of names and time. There were no participants in Open Mic.

Parish Leadership Lesson:

Prayer is a vital part of our faith life. All church meetings begin and end with prayer. The Council is encouraged to use prayer on a regular basis to open up our hearts to listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we conduct our business.

Mini Catechism:

Fr. Dufner proposed the question of "What is a parish?". He suggested one way was to look at Church as a place where relationships improve. We enter into communion and share our faith and ideas with one another. We should look at the meaning of happiness as seeking the truth. We should be a light in the darkness. Behaviors that are self-destructive remove the ability to love and as a light, we need to share love, both within our parish and outside of it.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

School Advisory Board – Jane Fabozzi informed the Council that the school's main topic at this time in the accreditation process. They have reviewed the curriculum and will look at pursuing a broad based liberal arts curriculum, as well as making Catholic school more affordable. We have lost some of our Catholic focus and have become more secular.

COMMISSION FOCUS – OPERATIONS:

At the present time, their job is to cover all the grounds and buildings with necessary repair or replacement. Dr. Dufner or Jay gives the Chair tasks to pursue. Outside vendors are usually called in to handle most repair or remodeling projects. The Commission does not operate as originally written. Mike Kraft reminded them that a couple years ago, this Commission was made an ad-hoc committee that i called together when a project is on hand.

It was recommended that a small sub committed be formed to review strategic Operations issues, such as long-term budgeting, planning for future opportunities for energy efficiency, etc. Jay indicated the need for a revision of the current list of repairs and replacements that are needed. Having a prioritized list and projected costs would be beneficial to future planning. Another change could be how communication is handled between the committee and the Council.

Another suggestion made was to use some of the second collection for specific repair projects, such as the bathrooms.

NEW BUSINESS;

Work is continuing on putting all volunteers into our computer system.

There will be a review of security in the Adoration Chapel. It is important to the parish to encourage people to come and pray. We want to be open to the public, including wounded or sad people. However, it is equally important to protect everyone from any behavior that might be harmful.

The Volunteer Appreciation event will be April 11 after the 5:30 Mass. This is open to everyone, with food and music provided. Mike will send an e-mail to the Council arranging their help, since we all agreed to staff this event.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm.

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