

# Parish Council Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2014 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Schwartz Center

Present: Father Matthew, Kathy Clunk, Chairperson, Marvin Bixler, Jamie Burmeister, Lynette Treece, Chuck Colucci, Cathy Sanor, Janice Menegay

Excused: Suzie Dennis, Karen Whitaker, Karen Harris

The meeting began with prayer. The mission statement was read by Kathy Clunk. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Janice Menegay to approve the minutes of the May 2014 meeting. A second was made by Marvin Bixler. Council approved the minutes.

## **Elevator**

The elevator project began in early July 2014. Marty Pagnucco completed the excavating for the elevator shaft and the building surrounding it. Jim Menegay then began and has completed the block and brick of the shaft and surrounding building. The roof is also complete. Todd Mastroianni of Alliance Ventures is general contractor and has been supervising the project.

## **Adoration Chapel**

Kathy Clunk asked about the replacement windows in the adoration chapel (and also in the sacristy). We are still waiting for Joe Reese. Jamie Burmeister will contact him immediately so hopefully they can be installed before cold weather arrives. Following installation of the windows the Knights of Columbus will do a "Roundtable Project" of painting the interior walls of the chapel and the carpet will be cleaned.

## **New Members**

Additional members for the council are needed. Father asked current council members to make recommendations to him.

## **New copy machine**

As of September 9 a new lease has been agreed upon with Toshiba. The new machine has the following functions: black/white copies, color copies, staples, collates, folds, hole punches, makes banners. As a bonus we received a 32inch flat screen television. The lease is for \$351 per month (\$4212 annually) which includes 6000 black/white prints per month. Color copies are \$.045 each.

Expenses previously were: \$2094 for toner for Brother Color Printer, \$2362 for the Newsletter twice a year to Williamsburg Press, \$851.64 for maintenance agreement on the Savin copier. Total \$442 per month (\$5307 annually).

We would like to propose to do all our printing in-house. Williamsburg Press currently prints our bulletin at no cost to us, but they receive the funds for the advertising on the back of the bulletin. In the past they also provided us with special Christmas and Easter bulletin covers and all the paper needed, but we no longer receive these perks. Also the quality of the bulletin print is very "pale". (Copies of a current bulletin and a sample printed from the Toshiba printer were shared with Council.)

If we print the weekly bulletin in-house and receive the revenue for the advertising ourselves, it will pay for the entire 62-month lease of the machine in 1 ½ years.

After discussion the council agreed to proceed with in-house printing.

### **Dump Truck**

A 2001 Dodge Ram 3500 Regular Cab Dump Truck has been purchased for \$9800 as of September 12. Half of the cost will be to the cemetery and half to the church. Also a buyer has been secured for the old truck. The proceeds for the sale of the old truck will be applied to the cost of mounting the plow and salt spreader.

### **Lucky Lottery Calendar**

Lottery Calendar drawings began October 1. Approximately 30 calendars are unsold but will be available for a couple more weeks if people are interested.

### **Social Committee**

A new committee has been formed to help build community within the parish. Some of the upcoming events are: Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Mass (monthly), Veterans Appreciation Dinner, Family Christmas Brunch, Blessing Jars (fundraiser), Simple Suppers with sharing of faith stories during Lent.

### **Visiting Sisters**

Two sisters from Saint Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus, will be visiting and staying at the rectory from November 13-20. The sisters will be selling religious items to help support an orphanage, a boarding home for children with special needs, a shelter for homeless, addicts, and ex-prisoners, and a rehab facility for females.

Transportation will be needed for the sisters during their stay. Parishioners are asked to volunteer to help if they are able.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Elevator Ride Raffle**

After discussion the Council would like to sell raffle tickets for the first ride on the elevator with the proceeds of the raffle to go to the visiting sisters. Council members will volunteer to sell tickets after Masses for the next several weeks.

### **Faith Formation**

Father shared with the council that there are currently ten **R.C.I.A.** candidates. They meet twice a month on Sunday at noon.

***Beginning Apologetics: How to Explain and Defend your Catholic Faith*** is a program that is being offered on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 2-3:30 p.m. There were 70 people who attended the first session in the series.

Father would like to also offer new ministries in the near future for divorced/remarried Catholics and to welcome Catholics to return.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2014.