

# **Parish Council Meeting**

Monday, May 5, 2014 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Schwartz Center

Present: Father Matthew, Kathy Clunk, Chairperson, Marvin Bixler, Suzie Dennis, Karen Whitaker, Cathy Sanor, Janice Menegay, Karen Harris

Excused: Jamie Burmeister, Allyson Oyster, Lynette Treece, Chuck Colucci

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

## **Elevator**

Members were given a copy of the final bid from Tri-State Elevator. Permits have been attained and work will begin in the next few weeks. The following individuals will be working with Dennis Clunk on this project: Todd Mastroianni of Alliance Ventures as general contractor; Marty Pagnucco, excavator; Jim Menegay of JC Masonry, laying of the cement block; and Joe Reese.

## **Church Parking Lot Repair & Sealing**

The church parking lot is in need of repair and sealing. Dave Skolosh obtained three bids from area asphalt companies. Copies of these bids were given to council members. Father Matthew asked members to review the bids and call or email with questions or comments by May 15 as the bids are only valid at the quoted prices for a short while.

## **Dump Truck**

The church dump truck has had some more expensive repairs and Dave Skolosh recommends that it be replaced. The replacement vehicle does not need to be a dump truck but a truck that can accommodate the snow plow, salt spreader and be used to haul mulch and other equipment. Members of the council were asked by Father Matthew to “get the word out” for a different truck. Dave has a possible interested buyer for the current truck.

## **Adoration Chapel**

Kathy Clunk asked about the replacement windows in the adoration chapel. We are still waiting for Joe Reese to give a bid for these.

It was also suggested that several emergency flashlights be put in the adoration chapel and an emergency security button, perhaps from Carnation Security, also be obtained for the chapel.

## **Electrical Updates**

Father Matthew explained that the lights in the Schwartz Center have been replaced with energy efficient lights. Switches have also been installed in Finnigan Hall as well as in the church so the breakers are no longer used to turn on and off the lights.

## **Parish Mission**

Information was provided to the council members for suggested programs for hosting a parish mission. Father would like to have a 3-day mission around the first week of October 2015. His suggestion is author, Matthew Kelly. There is “no charge” for the mission, the cost is covered by sales of books and cds.

### **Catholic Schools**

Marvin Bixler asked about what is happening with the reorganization of the catholic schools and school subsidy. Father Matthew explained that the Stark County Catholic elementary schools have reorganized and now have become the Holy Cross Academy. An office has been set up and the collection of school subsidy has been changed. For 2014-15 all parishes will pay for Catholic schools based on parish income. St. Joseph Parish will pay a “tax” of 6%. Previously only parishes with students whose families were parishioners would pay subsidy based on the cost of tuition.

### **Scholarship Fund/Pamphlet**

Father Matthew would like to offer more scholarship opportunities, not just for Catholic education, but for all parishioners who are pursuing education.

Father asked Kathy Clunk to see if Dennis would compile a pamphlet to include information on leaving estate monies to the church.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2014.

*Barb Rogel, recording secretary May 7, 2014*