

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2014 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Schwartz Center

All Council Members were Present: Father Matthew, Kathy Clunk, Chairperson, Marvin Bixler, Jamie Burmeister, Lynette Treece, Chuck Colucci, Cathy Sanor, Janice Menegay, Suzie Dennis, Karen Whitaker, and 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 October 2014 meeting. A second was made by Suzie Dennis. Council approved the minutes.

Elevator

The elevator project is still in process. Projected completion is early 2015. The drawing of the winner of the first elevator ride will be selected next Sunday at the end of 10:45 a.m. Mass.

Adoration Chapel

The windows in the Adoration Chapel have been replaced by Elite Flooring. Discussion ensued concerning putting in stained glass windows to give a chapel a more prayerful look. Father explained that he knows of at least one parishioner who would be interested in donating for one of the windows in memory of a family member. The council discussed that it would be best if only one artist did the work so the windows look consistent. The council also would like to see the designs to review them.

Sanctuary Railing

Kathy Clunk has been working on choosing brass railing for the sanctuary. After consulting with several parties it was agreed upon that it should be removable. The plan is to have it installed early in 2015.

Knights of Columbus Project

Chuck Colucci, a current Knight, explained the Knights of Columbus Project, Food for Families. The goal is to collect 500 pounds of food through Council #558 and donate it to the Alliance Food Pantry. The Food for Families Project would begin in January and continue through June. Kathy Clunk offered to provide bags to fill with the food items and return to the church.

Book Discussion – “Rebuilt”

Father Matthew purchased and distributed the book entitled **Rebuilt** for parish members to read. The book gives ideas on how to rebuild you parish with more members and to include more of the parish in events, liturgy, etc.

The Council members had the following thoughts to share:

- *Make Religious Education Classes fun – need enthusiasm
- *Evaluate our programs - What works? What doesn't work?
- *Evaluate the curriculum – Is it meeting the present needs?
- *Seek the Lost, challenge the church
- *Look at the spiritual needs of the people
- *Everyone needs to be needed so include as many as possible
- *Who are we? Where do we want to be?
- *Develop an app for the parish
- *Always look for new volunteers
- *Give old volunteers a chance to “retire”
- *Ask for more greeters, they are the first people you meet when coming to church
- *Volunteers should wear nametags

- *Learn parishioners' names
- *Introduce yourself to your neighbors in pews
- *Help people feel welcome
- *How to get younger people involved???

At the next council meeting the council would like to discuss music at Mass and how it can appeal to all ages.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2014.

Barb Rogel, recording secretary January 29, 2015