

Parish Council Meeting

September 29, 2013 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Schwartz Center

Present: Father Matthew, Kathy Clunk, Marvin Bixler, Chuck Colucci, Cathy Sanor, Suzie Dennis, Lynette Treece, Jamie Burmeister, Karen Whitaker

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

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Father explained that no parishioners expressed an interest in joining the council. He encouraged members to talk with other parishioners about possibly joining the council. Kathy Clunk thought it would be wise to have a parent of Regina Coeli/St. Joseph School as a representative.

Father appointed Cathy Sanor to the council.

Kathy Clunk offered to send a note of thanks to Allyson Oyster and Darlene Havlin whose terms were up.

Schwartz Center Basement

No developments on the basement have been made. Dave Skolosh has contacted several people to give a bid on the work, but no one seems interested in doing the work prior to opening the basement wall. Dave has contacted two other persons about re-routing the water. No bids have been received.

Schwartz Center Roof

Jeffrey Keane completed the roof this summer at a cost of just under \$10,000.

Air Conditioning

Hill's has installed four of the air conditioning units, two on the upper level and two on the middle level. Several more units will be installed in the near future.

Additional electric work

The additional electric work of replacing the florescent light fixtures and installing switches in Finnigan Hall has not begun.

Elevator

We are still awaiting finalized drawings from Peter Pano, the architect, in order to proceed on the elevator. He was asked to complete the drawings by October 12 so work can be completed before cold weather.

Parking lot

Father Matthew was notified by Dennis Clunk that work on the parking lot will begin on Wednesday, October 3.

Replacement Windows in Schwartz Center

Replacement windows have been ordered for the Schwartz Center. The windows should be installed by the end of October.

An additional bid for windows in the Adoration Chapel, Sacristy, and Cry Room will be obtained. The Adoration Chapel windows are especially in need of replacement.

Shane O'Brien of Quiet Night Studio was contacted in May of 2013. He would be willing to create stained glass windows for the Adoration Chapel and possibly the Cry Room windows. The cost would depend upon the design, etc. He suggested in May that we replace the windows with a frosted glass and he would then replace the ones we requested with the design of our choice.

Adoration Chapel cleaning & repair

Father Matthew has suggested that the Adoration Chapel is in need of a good cleaning and a fresh coat of paint. Also the carpeting may need replaced. Chuck Colucci proposed the possibility of the Knights of Columbus doing this as a Roundtable Project. He will ask at the next meeting.

Alarm System

Father explained that additional cameras and an alarm will be installed on the church within the next month. Because of several problems at the cemetery, security will also be installed there.

Religious Education

Father explained several Adult Formation opportunities that are available and will be available in the coming months at St. Joseph.

The Parish School of Religion Classes are going well and several new families have enrolled.

R.C.I.A. is being held on Sundays this year and seven persons have shown interest in the Catholic faith.

Neighborhood Center

In September the Alliance Neighborhood Center programs came to a halt. Evidently because of a huge oversight the center lost its tax exempt status and most activities have stopped. A meeting was held last week at the center. Several volunteers have come forward and hope to continue the Tuesday night dinners provided by several area churches. St. Joseph intends to continue to provide the dinners on the second Tuesday of each month as has been done for the past several years.

Newsletter

The fall newsletter has been sent to the printer and should be mailed to all parishioners within the next week.

Moving of the Tabernacle / Presentation of Pope John Paul II relic

Father Matthew explained the changes being made in the sanctuary. The tabernacle is being moved to directly beneath the crucifix. A new altar for the tabernacle has been partially constructed and will be placed in the next few weeks. In addition two new stands have been made for the Blessed Virgin statue and Christ the King statue. Christ the King statue will be placed where the tabernacle has been previously located. New carpeting will then be installed in the sanctuary area.

The relic of Pope John Paul II has been acquired and will be displayed in the area just inside the courtyard door entrance of the church. All these changes will be completed prior to October 20, 2013, when a special Mass will be held to present the relic to the community of St. Joseph. Bishop Murry will be present at this special Mass. A reception with authentic Polish food will be held after the Mass. Father expects many visitors at this Mass and dinner.

Barb Rogel, recording secretary October 2, 2013