

Parish Council Meeting-October 26, 2010

Those present: Jerry and Jo Burke, Judy Schurmann, Judi Crawford, Jo Ann Stammersky, Doris Cameron, Cindie Audia, Father Leo.

Father Leo opened with a prayer.

The Diocese has sent a 110 page document by email to revitalize Parish Council. We will put off new elections for Parish Council until that is implemented.

The new cement is in. Father is looking into some type of canopy to cover the door. He is trying to get more input into design, cost, etc. The major thing is that we have some money in savings, but collections are not paying the bills, so Father Leo doesn't want to deplete the savings with renovations.

Father would like to rename the building fund to include renovations since we don't need to build onto the church right now with the population going down.

We are looking into taking online donations since most people pay their bills online. There is a variety a methods and Father is going to look in to what costs are involved and what methods are available.

The Diocese is in bad shape, lacking \$4500/day. They have cut their deficit down but by 2012 they will be even. They are going to have a big drive similar to CSA. Diocese suggests that we give 90% of our annual budget, \$630,000, to the Diocese. The incentive is that we would get 70% and send 30% to the diocese. Father doesn't see the feasibility of it as we are already not taking enough from collections to cover monthly expenses.

The Wine Tasting went beautiful. It was beautifully done but total revenue was down. We did not have as many auction items, which really brought down \$\$\$\$. We did not have a food inspector this year. Last year we did, and he escorted a couple of vendors out because food was not cold enough. The Squires worked hard as helpers to the Knights. Jo suggested having a little training session to give the kids job experience that they can use on a resume.

Women's Club would like to have a religious articles sale twice a year as a fund raiser, probably around Easter. Father mentioned that we need to be careful to not hurt our relationship with the Madonna Store in Waterford. Jo and Judi said that the Women's Club store area is full of stuff right now, but will be cleaned up in time for the Christmas Sale.

Father said that we allow Catholic School students to sell items outside in the vestibule.

Judi said that the Child Care is going good and Kay is going to run an announcement continuously in the bulletin. They are going to have it put on Mass announcements so hopefully we will have more people using it during Mass. The newsletter is well received

too and women are posting it on their refrigerators. Women's Club is going to have a "Giving" meeting next time to make things for Christmas giving, etc.

The Singles Group will have its first meeting on Thursday at Billy's Tip 'n Inn. They are estimating 30-40 people will attend. The following month it will be at Fenton Hotel.

For the Knights of Columbus, Jerry Burke said that since the Women's Club did such a good job of remodeling the Ladies' Rooms, the Knights are thinking about doing the Men's Room. They are going to ask the women to help them plan the decor.

The Men's Club and Knights gave a large donation towards the cement replacement.

There won't be "Trunks and Treats" this year because Kathy Thomas has moved and there was no one else to take it over. They are going to figure out something else for next year as it is really missed.

For January 22 and 23, 2011, Judi Crawford is working on an expo for all the businesses of our parishes after all of the Masses. More information will follow.

Parish Council will be tabled until January so we can get the new Parish Council guidelines understood and ready to implement.

Worship/Evangelization

Worship

Vinny Flynn will be here for an evening of healing and renewal. The focus of the talk will be "A New Commandment" Living in the Image of God. Join Vinny and his son, Brian, for music, prayer and teachings. Vinny Flynn is the author of "The 7 Secrets of the Eucharist." The concert/prayer will be on Friday evening, November 12th from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. A free-will offering for Vinny's ministry will be taken up during the evening.

There will be an All Souls Day Mass on Tuesday, November 2nd at 7 p.m. The banners with the names of all the people who have died in our parish will be hung on the wall for the weekend of October 30-31.

Evangelization:

The Advent/Christmas newsletter will be mailed out by November 20th.

The lighting of the Veterans Tree will be on Thanksgiving Day, after the 9 a.m. Mass.

David Popovits will retire after the 5 p.m. Mass on New Year's Eve. We need to offer a reception in the gathering space after all the Masses of December 11/12th. Can the Women's Club help with the reception?

David will also offer a Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 12th.