

SAINT ANTHONY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 19, 2011

Present: Ron Riddle, Karen Grogan, Brian Henry, Tim Hadfield, Jake Lippert, Tom Williams, Lisa Angell, Father Dan

Absent: Gary Phillips, Robin Shuman, Patty Raithel

President Tom Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with a prayer by Father Dan.

Old Business:

Parish picnic: Karen volunteered to organize the picnic again next year. It has been recommended to try to come up with more kid activities, maybe water balloons.

Guess who's coming to dinner: Tom has led this for one year and personally covered all expenses. He requested \$100-150 for the chili dinner on January 29, 2011 (approved by Father Dan). He also requested that this social activity be added to the parish budget and a new leader be found for this year.

Parishioner contribution statements: Still an ongoing debate of request vs. automatically mailing. Postage is an issue in mailing that many statements. It was recommended for next year to have people call the office to get on a "no mail" list if they do not need a statement as a way of controlling cost.

New Business:

Elections: Due to severe weather, several council members were unable to attend so elections have been tabled until February.

Commissions/time & talent: Mary Schnorring is doing a fantastic job of setting up the database. The council needs to set up commissions for this information to go to the proper people/groups.

Publishing council minutes: Meeting minutes need to be published in the bulletin, on-line or both.

Lower parking lot lighting: Additional lighting is needed. Father Dan will get with Tim. It was also suggested that walkway lighting be considered.

Lenten practices: We currently have in place Operation Rice Bowl for the youth and Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 5 pm. It was suggested to change the time for Stations and have noon and 7:30 pm prayer as well as Wednesday evening for the youth group.

The Knights have a fish fry every Friday during lent except Good Friday. It was also suggested to consider a Seder Meal.

Financial status review: This was tabled as no statement was available.

Hispanic ministry and Spanish masses: Spanish masses are scheduled twice a month at 7 pm on Saturdays through May. Ash Wednesday mass may be bi-lingual and the 11 am Easter Sunday mass will be Spanish. Father Dolan, Monsignor Wilbers and Father Dan are trying to coordinate efforts to deal with transportation issues. There is a real need for sacramental preparation in the Spanish-speaking community. There was discussion on how to get St Anthony's as a summer school bus stop for vacation bible school.

Cursillo retreats: Two Sunday afternoon retreats are being offered – one for men and the other for women. Also, the National Evangelization Team will be here for a retreat with individual focus on youth, family and confirmation class. There will be a special bulletin insert about these. Why Catholic? has started again. Maureen Weber has asked to step back from her leadership role. We are looking for someone to work with Pud on adult faith sharing based on the catechism. There is also a Spanish component of this if we can find a leader.

Employee handbook: We do not currently have an employee handbook, job descriptions, etc. The diocese has one for the chancery that we can use as a guide.

Voluntary parish nurse: We have a parish nurse again. She will be available once a month after masses to take blood pressure. She also has vials for life available to parishioners.

CPR/AED: Another training session has been set up through Joe Chaisen. We need to continue having training sessions at regular intervals.

Last minute new items:

Sound system upgrade: The sound system is in need of an upgrade/overhaul. Additional microphones will be added for the priest's chair and choir. A mixer board was donated for the choir and it needs properly set up along with an overall system calibration. The choir area will also get speakers. Hearing assistance devices, which consist of an earpiece and pack, will be purchased. The cost for all this is approximately \$10,000.

Lost treasures now found: We have stained glass windows from the old church. Some can be returned to the original donor and we could use ideas for the remaining ones. A Sacred Heart statue was also found and will be placed in the gathering area.

Baptismal font/doors: Father Dan will investigate rotating the font 180 degrees to the other side of the pillar so it is in the church proper and we can install glass doors to

provide a sound barrier from the gathering area. Father Dan would like to see this in place before Easter.

Father Dan closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30.