

St. Augustin Parish Council Meeting

7:00PM August 12, 2014

Parish Library

Call to Order: President Rick Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Fr. Hartshorn, Rick Doyle, Kathy Power, Fred Nesbit, Sybil Sullivan, Stephen Cappaert, John Chesser, Pat Deluhery, Molly Olinger Topf, Kelle Rolfes

Opening Prayer: Fr. Chris led the group in the opening prayer.

Welcome: Rick Doyle welcomed new parish council members: John Chesser, Pat Deluhery, Molly Olinger Topf. Rick also expressed a thank you to EJ Kelly and Dane Shelton for their service on the council.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved and seconded to approve the June agenda. Motion passed.

Board of Education Report: Kelle Rolfes reported that the budget for 2013/2014 school year was met. Also, enrollment for the upcoming school year is at nearly 300 students in preschool through 8th grade – up about 6% vs. last year. A new teacher for 5th grade, Meg Alessio, was hired for the school year.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds

Fr. Chris reported that repair of the rain water drainage has been a slow process.. The city gave us permission to drain the water to the street and into the storm sewer system. He said the crew is hoping to wrap it up soon. The repairs have resulted in removal of the steps on the west side of the church, which allowed for handicap access that was not present before. Stain glass project work continues. A question was asked about the use of the land south of the church property. Fr. Chris said there would be a feasibility study in the future to determine usage.

Parish Life

Sybil Sullivan reported that a picnic would be held on Aug. 13th for all members of the parish with Nancy Galeazzi speaking. The next CHRP weekends are Oct. 11 – 12 for women, and Oct. 18 & 19 for men.

Lighthouse media update: The media stand with books and cds will be ready the first weekend of September.

The children's choir now has a volunteer to coordinate the effort and is slowly moving forward.

Garage Sale - Evelyn Johnson may re-start the garage sale next year . It is in the planning stage so far.

New parishioner reception is planned for this fall. No date has been set yet.

Finance council: The gradual decline in weekly mass attendance and donations is a concern. The Bishop's Appeal campaign was solid. Large donations have also helped. Some members suggested tithing envelopes for children to help demonstrate the practice of giving our gifts for the week.

New Business:

The parish council elected new officers for chair, vice chair and secretary. Sybil Sullivan was elected chair, Fred Nesbit Vice Chair, and Kathy Power secretary.

Council members were asked to sign up for the parish committees. Those who signed up at the meeting are listed below. Other council members are encouraged to join a committee to serve as a liaison to the parish council.

Buildings and Grounds - Fred Nesbit

Communications - Stephen Cappaert, Molly Topf and John Chesser

Parish Life – Molly Topf, Sybil Sullivan

Finance Council – Fred Nesbit

St. Augustin Foundation – Fred Nesbit

Pastoral Vision and Needs for the Parish

Father Chris thanked all the members for their willingness to serve. With his sabbatical January – June, an administrator will be appointed and the Parish Council will continue to meet. Father discussed the purpose of the council to serve as a pastoral council for the parish , and the need to spend thoughtful time developing strategies that enhance, support and foster of our St. Augustin community.

Motion for Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved, seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned. Fr. Chris led the group in a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be on September 9th at 7Pm in the Parish Library.