

St. Augustin Parish Council Meeting

7:00PM September 9, 2014

Parish Library

Call to Order: President Sybil Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Fr. Hartshorn, Rick Doyle, Kathy Power, Fred Nesbit, Rick Doyle, Stephen Cappaert, John Chesser, Pat Deluhery, Molly Olinger Topf, Kelle Rolfes (representing the Board of Education)

Opening Prayer: Sybil Sullivan led the group in the opening prayer.

Welcome: As new President, Sybil Sullivan welcomed the parish council. She asked that the Parish Council institute the same Prayer and Snack schedule used by the Board of Education. She passed out a sign-up sheet for members.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved and seconded to approve the August minutes with one change noted by Rick Doyle. Motion passed.

Board of Education Report: Kelle Rolfes reported that Tuesday was the 1st Mass of the school year. Open House will take place on Sept. 11th from 6:30 – 8:30. As reported previously, enrollment for the upcoming school year is at near capacity

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Fred Nesbit reported that there was no meeting, but will get inquire about upcoming meeting dates. Father said he will talk to Andy Ball about scheduling the next meeting. Father would like an onsite meeting with a general contractor to look at physical building to prioritize and plan projects to keep the property in good shape. On 9/17 there is a meeting with the Diocese to discuss a feasibility study for the property on Grand.

Communication: Steve Cappaert said he will organize a meeting with committee. Fr. Chris suggested he add Emily Melcher to the group as she is helping with Parish communication.

Parish Life: Sybil Sullivan reported that sign-ups for the next CHRP weekends, Oct. 11 – 12 for women, and Oct. 18 & 19 for men, are going well.

Finance council: Rick Doyle and Fred Nesbit are planning to attend meeting this week.

St. Augustin Foundation: The St. Augustin Foundation met with Mr. Mark Reed concerning the newly created Catholic Foundation of SW Iowa and the foundation board is currently considering/studying further the best options for the St. Augustin Foundation.

Old Business

Molly Topf reported about the St. Augustin Feast Day celebration. Attendance was approximately 150 adults and 50 kids, down about 100 from the feast day celebration three years ago. (Last year's celebration was cancelled and the prior year had bad weather.) Left-over food was taken to shelters, and they were very thankful. Molly suggested that more students should be asked to help. The planning for next year will begin in late May/early June. Sybil read a thank you from Sherill Whisenand.

New Business: Sybil introduced an idea from the Board of Education to create an election committee to organize future elections. Committee would begin planning in March. She asked for a volunteer from the Parish Council.

New parishioners' reception is planned for Nov. 2nd or 9th after the 10:00am Mass, possibly in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus breakfast. Kathy Power and Sybil volunteered to work on this.

The council brainstormed ways to increase funds to the ADA. Ideas suggested: tithing for children, push for more ASH tithing, Stewardship Sunday, a "State of the state" address at Mass to inform parish of what is needed.

Pastoral Vision and Needs for the Parish

Father Chris suggested that the council set aside time to discuss the pastoral vision and needs for the parish at the next meeting. Ideas to include: what are the strengths of Masses, what improvement is needed, how to build community in the parish, what music improvements are needed? Efforts have been focused on welcoming everyone before Mass through the ushers and Father Chris.

Father's Sabbatical Update for the Council Jan1 – June 30th

Fr. Chris explained that Deacon Fred Pins would be the administrator of the parish in his absence. He will work with Andy on the day-to-day running of the parish. Deacon Pins will come to the parish council meetings. Father suggested that Deacon Pins attend either the November meeting or that a special meeting/reception

Fr. Livingstone will be the Pastoral Leader, and other priests will fill in at Masses.

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. Sybil led the group in a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be on October 14th at 7Pm in the Parish Library.