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St Francis of Assisi
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2014

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Attendees: Father Anthony Francis Spilka, , Jack Rovani, Mary Frances King, Cindy Shorto
Cel Neiderer, Ryan Woodruff, Bill Oleksak, Jeff Konieczny

Excused: Dolores Fatula, Joe Fatula, Mike Grandinetti, Olivia Murphy

Correspondence: None

Roll Call: Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Courtesy of the Floor: Fr Steven Frenier informed council of his reassignment as the pastor to a parish in Shamokin, PA; as of February 1, 2014. Father Steven shared that he very much enjoyed his time at St Francis. On one hand he is sad to be leaving while excited for his new assignment. St Francis Parish will hold a farewell social in his honor the weekend of January 25-26 after all weekend Masses.

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Committee members reviewed the October 24th meeting minutes. Noting no changes or additions, motion to accept the minutes was made by Jeff Konieczny: seconded by Fran King.

Standard Committee Reports:

Men's Club The Men's Club is promoting a Valentine Day Special raffle ticket for \$2/each. They also will be sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th in the activity center. We'll need volunteers to help with this event.

CCD/Education Father Anthony Francis reported;

- The 5th Grade CCD Teacher, Allison Cope is away on maternity leave. During her absence, Mariam Petak has offered to teach the class.
- With Father Steven's reassignment affecting the Mass schedules at both parishes, the CCD class time has been changed from 11:00 am until noon to 11:15am until 12:15 pm. Hopefully, this time change won't severely impact student attendance.
- First Penance is scheduled on March 8th; First Communion is scheduled for May 4th and Confirmation is scheduled May 20th.

Cemetery No report.

Building/Maintenance

Father Anthony Francis reported he was having six (6) aisle lights in the church realigned to more evenly distribute the amount of light in the center of the church. He also reported he still has received any further information on the status on glass panels for the new doors.

A committee member suggested that with daylight hours getting longer, the parking lot lights need to be re-timed.

Liturgy No meeting; trying to get a date.

Finance No report.

Gabriel Project

Generations for Life

No report

Fundraising

Cindy Shorto reported the monthly BINGOs have been discontinued. Even with a dedicated group of organizers and volunteers, the monthly number of regular BINGO players was not sufficient enough to provide the payout money prize awards. Plans to hold "Cash Bash" events are in the works.

Fran King stated gob sales are still strong. We are participating in the Gob Fest competition on Saturday, January 18th at the Galleria Mall from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Volunteers to help with transporting, set up, and staffing our table are needed.

A Mardi Gras is planned for March 1, 2014, in our activity center. A committee is busy planning the event. Tickets will soon be available; more information is forthcoming.

Activity Center Meeting to be scheduled.

Youth Activity No report.

Old Business The parish website is up and running; all are encouraged to browse the website and see all the new features.

Pastoral Council's parish surveys are located in the church vestibule. Parishioners are encouraged to participate. Deadline to submit your responses is January 31st; all feedback is welcome.

New Business

Council reviewed a listing of the 2014 Parish Council meeting dates (meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month). Because Thursday, April 17 is Holy Thursday, the April meeting was changed to Thursday, April 10th.

Father Anthony Francis distributed a new schedule listing the new Mass time changes. As the sole priest servicing both parishes, he asked for everyone's support and patience during the transition. With the Lenten season fast approaching, he hopes to continue the additional religious services/events; however, the time for these services may need tweaked. Discussion followed. Members also expressed their concern for Father's well-being due to the additional load he will be carrying.

Since Mercy Hospital of Johnstown was merged into the Memorial Medical Center system, the religious artifacts in the old hospital are no longer displayed. Fr James Smyka, Chaplain, has rescued some of the statues from the being trashed; they may be displayed on the parish grounds.

Pastor's Comments

Given throughout the course of the meeting.

With nothing further to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Konieczny; seconded by Jack Rován.

The next council meeting will be **Thursday, February 20, 2014. Refreshments:** Cecilia Neiderer

Respectfully submitted,
Cecilia Neiderer

Upcoming liturgical events:

- Bishop Mark will celebrant a special Mass on Sunday, November 24th at St John Gaulbert Cathedral solemnly closing the Year of Faith; check the Catholic Register for more details.
- The annual Thanksgiving Day Mass with the blessing/distribution of fresh fruit will be celebrated at 9:00am Thanksgiving Day; all are welcome.
- The Seasons of
 - *Advent*
 - Anointing of the Sick will be extended to all parishioners during Mass; date and time will be listed in the bulletin.
 - Because the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on the second Sunday of Advent, this Marion feast will be moved to Monday, December 9th, but not as a holy day of obligation.
 - The annual West End Penance service will be held; check the bulletin for the date, parish and time.
 - Annual children's St Nicholas Party will be held December 9th in the activity center
 - Lesson and Carols Program observing the season of Advent will be presented by the St Francis of Assisi choir Sunday, December 15th.
 - *Christmas*
 - The 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass will feature the children's program.
 - Christmas Eve Mass at midnight; Mass at 9:30am Christmas Day
 - New Year's Eve vigil Mass and New Year's Day Mass.
 - Epiphany celebration of the three (3) Magi
 - Baptism of Jesus ending the Christmas season