

Attendees: Father Anthony Francis Spilka, Mary Frances King, Cindy Shorto, Cecilia Neiderer, Jeff Konieczny, Dolores Fatula, Joe Fatula, Jack Rován, Mike Grandinetti, Bill Oleksak

Excused: Ryan Woodruff, Olivia Murphy,

Correspondence: Father Anthony Francis received a note of thanks from Fr Christian Oravec, TOR, for remembering his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Priesthood with a most beautiful liturgy, gifts, and Parish social.

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

Guest: John Kaspar, President, Men's Club.  
John addressed council with the idea we install a parish billboard to be placed somewhere in front of the church. He stated that St Francis is one of the few churches who do not have an outside display listing pertinent parish information. The type of sign, either a standard board where the letters and numbers are manually added or a digital one (electronic), affects the price. Guess estimates for a standard sign run between \$7,000-\$8,000; an electronic board costs around \$15,000-\$20,000. Council asked John get two bids, as well as, pass this suggestion by Finance Council.

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Members reviewed minutes from the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion to accept them was made by Joe Fatula; seconded by Fran King.

Standard Committee Reports:

*Men's Club* Jack reported the Father's Day social had good attendance. He also noted the Men's Club generously donated \$200 to help defray any costs for the upcoming parish picnic, Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at the ACRP grounds.

*CCD/Education* New CCD year begins Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Check bulletin for details.

*Cemetery* No meeting.

*Building/Maintenance*

Father Anthony Francis reported the diocese approved the contract to install the new church doors and a security system in the church; a new storm door for the office rectory door (alley entrance) may also be added. Turnaround time should be about 4-6 weeks for installation.

Stacey Kindya from Bull Dog Arena contacted the parish regarding the sale of any usable folding chairs; they are offering \$3-\$5.00/each. Maintenance will check the availability of the chairs in stock to see what, if any, may be available for sale.

*Liturgy* Memorial Day Mass was held at the church cemetery.

Plans for the upcoming Vacation Bible School the week of July 14 – 18<sup>th</sup> are going well. To date, 12 children are registered. Students needing service hours are welcome to serve as volunteers.

*Finance* Dolores reported council will submit its 2014-15 church budgets to the diocese by June 30<sup>th</sup>. With an increasing demand for gobs, they reviewed the need for additional freezer space. Especially during Lenten fish fries, freezer space is pushed to the max to accommodate both fish and gob staples. Once a determination can be made on what capacity-size freezer/s best meets our needs, a decision can be made.

Lynn Rován is the new President of the Finance Council.

*Gabriel Project/ Generations for Life*

Dolores reported:

- May 31<sup>st</sup> Garage Sale was a great success.
- Due to the success of the recent pizza sale, another one along with subs will be sold sometime in the fall.
- A Baby Shower for Jesus is scheduled of October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- A prayer vigil is still held every Thursday at the Franklin Street Abortion Clinic from 4:00-5:00pm.

*Fundraising*

Cindy reported:

- Due to poor ticket sales, the June 7<sup>th</sup> Cash Bash was canceled.
- Over Mothers' Day weekend, 1,310 gobs were sold. With sales so strong, two (2) gob making sessions a month will be scheduled.
- Mike Grandinetti suggested we hold a "Trivial Pursuit" night at the parish. This moneymaker involves teams of participants who challenge other teams on various topics for prizes; food and beverages are available. Mike offered to get more information and report back.

*Activity Center*

Father Anthony Francis requested parish council purchase a pre-owned oven as a replacement for an original one (which requires frequent maintenance because foods unevenly cook). Resurrection Parish offered the three (3) year old oven for sale; it was purchased new (\$6,000) when St Columba renovated their hall kitchen. The sale price of \$3,000 includes installation in the activity center and removal of the old one.

*Youth Activity*

Tabled.

Old Business

Signups for the St Francis parish picnic on Sunday, August 10th are strong. A noon Mass will be celebrated at the picnic ground followed by a covered-dish luncheon.

New Business

Father Binu, a Missionary from the Vincentian Congregation, recently visited St Francis requesting help for the Vincentian missions located in India. This mission supports the development of local parishes, schools, and the expenses of those preparing for the priesthood. Motion was made by Mike Grandinetti the parish council sponsor a seminarian to this congregation; motions seconded by Joe Fatula.

Council held office nominations for the 2014-15 terms. Retained as officers were President Ryan Woodruff, Vice President Jeff Konieczny, and Secretary, Cecilia Neiderer. Debbie O'Gorman has been selected to fill the open council position. Her three (3) year term begins when council reconvenes in August.

Pastor's Comments

Given throughout the course of the meeting.

With nothing further to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Woodruff; seconded by Joe Fatula. The next council meeting will be **Thursday, August 21, 2014. Refreshments: Dolores Fatula.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Cecilia Neiderer

Approved

St Francis of Assisi  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 2014

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