

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
December 13, 2010
Council Minutes

Tim Young called the meeting to order.

Those present were Fr. Mick Moon, Tim Young, Teresa Pelton, Joe Donlin, Don Sparby, Rob Yeiser, & Ann Legris. Guest Bob Hoffmeister & Jake Sneffer.
Absent were Lori Stadelman, Marion Viney & Vicky Lenzlinger.

Minutes from previous meeting tabled.

ParishSoft:

Diocese is reviewing & cleaning up the roster. Over 300 from Belleville have re-registered so far.

Committee Updates:

Liturgy:

Fr. Mick read a letter he composed regarding the Blood of Christ. Patrick Gorman, from the diocese, reviewed and approved this letter. The letter will be attached to the bulletin. The letter states the Blood of Christ must be drunk. The bread may not be dipped into the cup. Fr. Mick will announce from the altar the acceptable way of partaking of the Blood of Christ.

Training of Eucharistic Ministers:

Patrick Gorman from the diocese conducted this training. Fifteen people attended, 13 from St Francis of Assisi and 2 from St. Maria Goretti, Madison.

Bob Hoffmeister suggested posting the names of volunteers on the bulletin for Ushers, Gift Bearers and Eucharistic Ministers.

Spanish Mass:

Fr. Mick stated 8 people attended the Spanish Mass. Fr. Mick will determine the date for the next mass.

Inspired Artisans:

Fr. Mick stated John Buscemi highly recommended Gian Franco Tassara from Milwaukee to produce the St. Francis of Assisi Icon for the alcove in church. Cost proposal is \$6500.00. It would take 3 to 4 months. Council debated whether to have a statue or an Icon. Fr Mick shared several catalogues that carried various statues of St. Francis of Assisi. After further discussion, Joe Donlin motioned to send this matter to the Liturgical Committee, Rob Yeiser 2nd, motion carried. The Liturgical Committee consists of Julie Sutter-Blair, Lucille O'Connor, Elaine Meier & Fr. Mick. Teresa Pelton volunteered to be on this committee. The recommendation will be brought to the council for approval.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Fr. Mick reviewed the mass times. Christmas Eve masses will be 4:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi, 6:45 pm at St. Patrick's of Albany, 8:15 pm & 10:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi.

Christmas Day, 8:30 am and 11:00 am.

Confirmation Mass:

Fr. Mick stated 29 young adults were confirmed. Approximately 150 people were in attendance.

Inclement Weather and Mass Schedule:

Fr. Mick stated masses will always be held at the regularly scheduled times. Fr. Mick will put announcement on bulletin but encourage people, not to take unnecessary risks.

Justice & Peace:

Carol Eberhardy and Teresa Pelton distributed information at the Thanksgiving weekend masses informing members about the meal program at Luke House in Madison. Carol & Teresa are asking for donations of various food items for the monthly homeless meal at Luke House.

Religious Education:

Christmas program was postponed due to the inclement weather.

Confirmation Curriculum:

Fr. Mick stated there needs to be more classes held throughout the year for confirmation preparation. Fr. Mick informed the council after interviewing the confirmation candidates of their lack of knowledge of basic catholic prayers. Each confirmation student who was confirmed was given a Bible with a personal letter from Fr. Mick. January 5, 2011 is the next scheduled class. Location of the next Confirmation is undetermined.

Finance Committee:

Joe Donlin updated the council through October 2010. Giving is down 8% in the first 4 months of fiscal year.

Joe Donlin stated someone donated \$3000.00 to the building fund.

Mr. John Philip, Diocesan director of finance, will be meeting with the finance committee to discuss the current mortgage agreement. The current agreement is a 10 year fixed mortgage. This meeting will include the possibility of renegotiating the current mortgage agreement.

Council agreed financial information should continue to be posted on the bulletin.

St Mary of Lourdes User fees:

Finance Committee is negotiating the rental fees of the St. Mary of Lourdes hall with the Senior Citizens and the Nursery School. No finalized agreement has been made. Joe Donlin stated it takes \$100.00 a day to open the doors of the hall. The current financial agreement of the Senior Citizens and the Nursery school does not cover the cost of operations. Joe Donlin will keep council updated on further discussions.

St. Francis of Assisi:

Fr. Mick recommended a \$100.00 fee for weddings at St. Francis of Assisi. Fr. Mick stated some weddings there are people at the church hours prior to the actual ceremony. Council agreed \$100.00 for parishioners and \$150.00 for non-parishioner is appropriate. These fees will become effective 2011.

Building and Grounds:

There were no updates.

Fundraising:

Cookies sale was held December 11 - 12, 2010. There were a few cookies still available for sale. The estimated proceeds of the sale were \$2000.00.

UW Concession stand raised between \$4000.00 to \$5000.00 for the building fund. The council needs to review recommitting to working the UW Concession stand. Martha Kniffin will not be partaking or making sure everything is in place each weekend for the concession stand next year.

Rob Yeiser motion to adjourn meeting, Ann Legris 2nd. Next schedule meeting is January 10, 2011 at 6:30 pm.