

Assumption Parish Council Meeting, Thursday, June 9, 2011

The meeting convened with a quorum at 7 p.m. in the Gillespie Hall. Gene opened the meeting with a prayer. Members present: Alex Castro, Gene Werner, Jesse Porter, Ann Boice, Angie Morris for Diana McIntyre, Maria Jones, Fr Joseph Nettem, Fr Peter Jandaczek, Pat Neal, Glenda Hale, Frank Acosta, Alan Jech. Members Absent: Joe Lockovich, C. D. Jones and Armida Garcia. Guests: Mattie King, Angie Gutierrez, David and Carrie Carney. The May minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Jesse to approve with Glenda seconding and all approving.

Committee Reports

Building: Carpet Market didn't order enough trim for the sanctuary floor. The support where the altar was extended was also reinforced. They are working on the flooring now. David Carney is working with them to get everything we ordered. The trim has a small lip and he is working on getting that fixed. Some of the wood finish is semi-gloss and high gloss. They are going to get the flooring finished and replace boards as needed. Fr. Peter stated that the shelter for the church basement is a wonderful idea. Maybe we could raise money to fix the basement roof by charging yearly membership.

Finance: Alan Jech is the Chairman for the Finance Committee. Fr. Peter has appointed Alan to the Parish Council. They had a Finance Committee meeting this evening but the budget is not final yet. The budget will be presented to the parish council at the August meeting. There is a proposed budget but they don't want to circulate until it has been finalized. Randy is pulling some details and Fr. Peter needs a chance to review.

Education: Adult Faith Groups are now meeting in parishioners homes.

Youth: Vacation Bible School is being held now with the last meeting this evening. There are 60-70 children enrolled. Totus Tuus will be held Jul 11-15. Mattie stated there are 10 youth signed up for Stuebenville Jul 14-17. Two youth will attend the lead program. There are 11 signed up for the NCCYC Conference in November. On Saturday, June 18 there is going to be a Walk-A-Thon held at the walking park on Beech to raise funds for NCCYC from 7-9 am. Each youth attending NCCYC has to raise \$500.

Maintenance: David is getting quotes for a new church roof, either metal or Fr. Peter suggested plastic. The roof that is there now is asbestos shingles.

Parish Life Committee: no report.

Charismatic Group: Frank stated that on Tuesday this week they started a new formation called growing in the Holy Spirit. They will be giving this formation for 11 consecutive weeks with speakers from OKC from 7 till 9 pm every Tuesday. We will be having a retreat on June 25th with Father Octavio Diaz from Guadalajara MX; the retreat is from 8 am until 2 pm at the church.

Old Business: Online giving was discussed in the Finance Committee meeting this evening. There are several companies but no decision has been made yet. They will make a decision with our new priest. The "No Parking" sign hasn't been installed Alex stated. This is only a drop off during Mass times. Fr. Peter stated perhaps we can raise money by performing Valet Parking.

New Business: Jesse stated that a parishioner almost fell down the front steps but thankfully there was a gentleman there to assist her. We need to fix the steps to make them easier to get down. A rail would help also. Angie is going to check with Ramon to have him check out what can be done. Gene stated that he is the Chairman of the Hanson Trust. Fr. Peter appointed C.D. Jones to the Hanson Trust. A motion was made by Alex to approve C. D. to the Hanson Trust with Jesse seconding and all approving.

Mission Reports: Angie Morris representing the Walters parish stated they are thoroughly enjoying their new parish hall. Their youth are attending Vacation Bible School at Holy Family in Lawton. They've had graduation receptions and an after school fishing party with the elementary kids. Their attendance is approximately 60 at service.

Pastor's Report: Frs. Peter and Joseph were welcomed by Gene and the Parish Council. Fr. Peter mentioned several items for consideration:

1. He wants to form a Liturgy Committee perhaps made up by one person from the following organizations: Parish Council, Altar Society, Altar Server Trainer, Religious Education/Youth and Choir. They would be the coordinators for weddings, quinceaneras and funerals. The Liturgy Committee would meet only four times a year covering Christ the King, Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, Pentecost, First Communions and Confirmations. They would prepare the liturgies with recommendations for the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. They would plan the liturgical calendar for the Church. They would receive reports from the ushers and Eucharistic Ministers.
2. Baptism Preparation with three or four people preparing couples for the baptism of their child.
3. Couples to teach marriage preparation. Fr. Peter stated that he would prefer marriage preparation were taught by couples who understood what marriage is. This would be taught in both English and Spanish.
4. Coordinator for weddings and quinceaneras.
5. Once a month Family Mass with a youth and children's choir with live music and instruments. We need to get young families back into the church and the way to do this is to involve the kids. This will bring the youth and parents together. We need to invest in our future with the young people.
6. Our parish community has time, talent and treasure. We need to get involved in our parish and build community. Parish events bring people together and we need to be more welcoming.
7. Fr. Peter stated he is thinking about starting a Mass at 12:10 during the lunch hour. This Mass would be no longer than 25 minutes. Also the holiday Mass schedule perhaps holding the vigil mass in Marlow and holiday mass at Duncan and change that around. Also in Ryan he wants to go to a Spanish Mass.
8. Duncan parish owes \$226,000 to the Hanson Trust. If 150 families gave just \$12.00 more per week over three years that would pay that off.
9. Two separate song books one in English and Spanish. Explore getting different song books.
10. Get different vestments. Perhaps the Knights of Columbus, or Altar Society could give donations to get different vestments.
11. With the new changes coming to the Mass this fall we need at least two new Sacramentaries. Perhaps we could go in with other churches and get a good price.
12. Lights need to be turned off 15 minutes after the church services to conserve energy. The lights should not be turned on any earlier than 30 minutes prior to services. During the summer months we don't need to turn on unnecessary lights.
13. We need a mission statement on the bulletin. Gene showed Fr. Peter the Parish Council Constitution where there is a Mission Statement.
14. Parish Council should only meet every other month. He wants to publish the parish council members along with their telephone numbers in the bulletin.
15. Fr. Peter wants to find a live musician to play for the Masses.
16. In September Fr. Peter will offer bible study, history of the church, sacraments of the church.
17. He also would like to have a Book of the Dead and Book of the Sick and other intentions where Parishioners can write their intentions.

There was a motion to adjourn by Glenda and seconded by Jesse. Fr. Peter gave the closing prayer.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Thursday, August 11, 2011 @ 7 p.m. in Gillespie Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Neal, Parish Council Secretary