

St Anne / St Charles

Parish Council Meeting

February 24, 2016

Members present: Rev. Anthony Camilleri, Deacon Mike Hammond, Al Van Washenova, Bob Austin, Jan Saez, Nick Craanen, Nancy Bartus, Carol Shaw, Kathy Olson, David Grenn, and Brian Walz

Members Excused: Rev. John Chinnappa, Jason Flint.

Opening Prayer: The prayer was given by Carol Shaw.

Roll Call: Roll call was done.

Commission Reports:

The School Report will be given by Father Anthony during his report later in the meeting.

Religious Education: This report was given by Gina Baker. She stated that on February 6, 36 2nd grade students from St Anne and St Charles made their First Reconciliation at St Anne Parish with a small cookie reception afterwards.

Retreats for all of our Sacrament students will be in March. There are several Confirmation service projects occurring during the month of March, as well.

First Communion will take place in April at both parish sites and Confirmation will take place in May at Saint Charles.

Lent Preparation for Religious Education.

We are having Lenten penance services for Religious Education and school students.

Upcoming Events:

Divine Mercy Novena

A parish wide Divine Mercy Novena will be celebrated at Saint Charles Parish beginning on Good Friday at 3 pm. The Novena schedule will be published in the bulletin as we get closer to the time of observation. We are currently having a brief background series regarding Divine Mercy in the bulletin. The Divine Mercy Novena concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3 with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a holy hour with the Divine Mercy

Chaplet, and an opportunity for Reconciliation. A pot-luck dinner will be held in the completion of our devotion. Nicole Knudsen is organizing this special devotion.

Family Retreat

Nicole Knudsen is also organizing a Family Retreat Day scheduled for June 12, Sunday, at Saint Charles. This retreat will be open to all parishes throughout our area. This will be a prayerful opportunity to build stronger families in our communities. Please watch our bulletin for more information.

Vacation Bible School

Preparations are being made for our annual Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held at Saint Anne Parish (we have been alternating between the parishes since we have been clustered). The theme will be our current Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Catholic Church, as proclaimed by Pope Francis.

Christian Service report for Saint Anne was given by Carol Shaw. On March 19 there will be a children's Easter Party. She states that there are usually 50 to 55 kids. Calder Dairy will be donating milk.

There was also an Appreciation Dinner on February 21.

Christian Service report for Saint Charles was given by Sue Miller.

She states that the Funeral Luncheon Committee has been very busy this past week with 3 luncheons scheduled for this week. Our funeral luncheons would never be a success that they are without the time and talents our parishioners have donated by working in either food donations, preparing the food, setting up or cleaning up the hall.

Prayer Blanket Ministry is now at 330 prayer blankets that have been given to those needing prayers and comfort.

Habitat for Humanity will be building a home in the Newport area and Saint Charles will be assisting them with lunch. Also, the youth group would like to assist in some way as well as Religious Education. I have a meeting Saturday and I am hoping I can have a date to give you at the next meeting.

She will be going into the 7th and 8th grade classes again this year to talk of Life Beginning at Conception and not Birth. Last year the talk was well received by the students Posters along with fetal models of the actual size of a 12 week and 20 week baby were shown to them.

It is most vital for these classes to be well informed about their faith, that as a Catholic we Respect Life at any stage. High school will be difficult enough for them to adjust to the change but to be knowledgeable about ones Faith could mean saving a life. I talk only of my one on one dealing I have had with those considering abortion and how it can affect one's life for many years. A comment sheet is handed out at the end of the class and to have students say in bold letters THANK YOU for doing this. This should tell us they need and want this information. Scriptures are given throughout the hour and this year I will ask them to write them down, take them home and reread them alone and PRAY over them.

David Grenn asked for Sue to come talk with his Catechism class. This request was also echoed by Gina Baker.

Finance Saint Anne: This was presented by Pete Lorentz. Pete states that the budget looked good and he needed the commissions to submit their budgets by March.

Finance Saint Charles: This was presented by Father Anthony. He stated that Ilah Mae retired as the bookkeeper. He also stated that the Dioceses will be presenting a computer program that will be able to transfer data. This system will pull together finances of the school, the parish and the cemetery.

Vicariate Report: This report was given by Nick Craanen. He states that the meeting was cancelled. He did state that the committees needed to turn in a budget by March 4

Building Committee Report: This was given by Father Anthony.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes were approved as read.

Pastors Report/Business: Council vacancy at Saint Anne was discussed. They are still in the process of looking for a member.

Amazing Parish Conference will be April 18 and 20th all day. Father states that he would like to have a volunteer from Saint Anne and Saint Charles to go the conference. He would like to know by the end of the month, which would be able to attend.

Synod 16 is in the process of gathering information. Laura Smith of Saint Anne, Laura Sensing of Saint Charles will be there. Deacon Mike was appointed the Deacon at the Synod. Nick Craanen will be there from the Vicariate.

Father also stated that he talked with Mr. Kelly about Changing Lives Together. He was told that people need to continue to pay off the pledges and any new members of the church can be a new pledge member to help with the school.

Father also mentioned that there will be 3 contractors who will bid on the project. This will happen this year or the end of the academic year. We cannot start until we get permission from the archdioceses.

Father stated that the rug needs to be replaced in the church, from the first pew back.

We also need to have to outside bricks "tuck pointed. The bricks need to be mortared and sealed.

The old parish hall needs to have the roof shingled. He would like to see it refurbished and used for parish functions. He would love to get this done by CSA funds. Father will also discuss this with the parishioners.

David Grenn asked about the CSA funds. CSA funds do not have a tax. Weekly offerings have a tax. Father would like us to give more to the CSA so that we can use these funds for repairs.

Commission Formation: This report was given by Bob Austin. The council discussed some parish commission updates. Under Commission Identification, there were some changes placed in Education, Christian Service and Stewardship. Bob will get an update from Saint Anne and then redo the format.

Father Anthony will be taking a vacation in June from the 13 to the 24. He will also be traveling to Rome in September, from the 11th to the 25th.

Opening Prayer: Dave Grenn

The next meeting will be

March 30, 2016 at 6:30 PM @ St. Annes

Closing prayer was given by Father Anthony