

St. Anne /St. Charles Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2015

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was given by Al Van Washenova.

Brian Walz was introduced as the new member for council from St. Anne.

Roll Call: This was done by the secretary:

Present at the meeting was Rev. John Chinnappa, Al Van Wasenova, Bob Austin, Jan Saez, Jason Flint, Nancy Bartus, Carol Shaw, Cathy Olson, and Brian Walz.

Excused: Nick Craanen, Deacon Mike Hammond, and Dave Grenn.

Commission Reports:

School: This was given by Cathy Grinn, Principal.

The school is working with our Christian Service Group in November and December with service projects. November was the food drive. December we have sponsored 9 children from the families our parish is sponsoring for Christmas gifts. Each of our classrooms has adopted a child and will bring in donations for the gifts. The Student Council will then wrap all the gifts before Christmas.

The craft show was a big success- raising \$2100 for the school and \$906 toward the 8th grade class trip. This money is targeted for curriculum assemblies and new programs.

The school calendar will be joining the Community Google Calendar next week. There were some delays due to checking guidelines to ensure privacy, accuracy and changes. Mrs. Balsemer will be taking care of this since she is in charge of our school calendar.

The Christmas Concert is Monday, December 7 at 6:30 pm in the church.

The school is planning some SCRIP changes to increase sales and family opportunities. Changes may include SCRIP being sold from the school office during drop off/pick up and SCRIP being sold at special events and mandatory family involvement.

These changes are being looked at after researching other schools SCRIP programs and comparing how successful programs are ran. All changes will be announced in the bulletin when they are finalized. Our target month to start changes is in January.

Religious Services, DRE:

This report was submitted by Gina Baker and read at the meeting by Bob Austin.

St. Charles Religious Education students honored All Soul's Day at 6pm on November 2 with parishioners. Various students served as cantors and lectors.

On November 16 and 17, Confirmation meetings were held with 100% attendance. Thirty –one will be confirmed at St Charles on May 18. This is a combination of St. Charles and St Anne 8th graders.

Gina will meet with all the 2nd grade St Charles parents on November 30 and all St Anne parents on December 1. This is mandatory to discuss expectations and schedules. First Reconciliation will be February 6 for all 2nd grade students. First Communion will be April 24 at St. Charles and April 17 at St. Anne.

The CIA Youth Group will be hosting Advent Babysitting from 1-4 pm on December 6. This is an annual service project.

December events for Religious Education: Saint Charles Students grades 3 and older will participate in Communal Penance with the parish. Last class before break is December 21.

Saint Anne Students will participate in the Holy Day of Obligation Mass at St. Anne on December 22, our last class before break.

Christian Services: This report was given by Carol Shaw of St Anne. There will be a two day Christmas Bazaar. They will be selling Christmas decorations and flowers.

St. Charles report was given by Sue Miller. St. Charles with the help of St. Anne Parish has furnished 8 families in our community with a Thanksgiving Dinner. I would like to say Thank You to anyone that was able to help towards a Thanksgiving Dinner for those in our community.

The Advent Tea at St Charles had 11 Hostesses that invited guests to sit at their table and enjoy the reflecting and program put on by the Advent Tea Committee.

St Charles donation collection for the Oaks of Righteousness was well received by the parishioners. The donations of clothing and bedding had Earl and Cheryl Rivard making a few trips to the Oaks of Righteousness ministry. Thank you to anyone that was able to help this ministry for the homeless.

The Giving Tree at St Charles will be set up for donations for New Beginning Mercy House, a pregnancy resource center. Donations will also be collected for the food closet at St Anne.

Christmas Blessings currently have 14 families that are being adopted for Christmas. The list is made up from families in our community, parish, school, and public schools. They are those most in need.

Our school and religious ed. adopt family members for each classroom. It's wonderful to see the children getting excited knowing they are helping those less fortunate.

Please consider adopting a person from the list of families by calling me. Since I have been chairing Christmas Blessings we have not had to depend on any monies from the parish, it all comes from our parishioners. That in itself is a Blessing.

Evangelization: no report

Worship: This report was given by Fr. John. There will be Communal Penance at St Charles and St Anne.

Christmas Cards will be sent to the parishioners with the Mass schedule as well as what is going on in December.

Finance: This report was given by Mark Zochowski and will be discussed on the week end Mass in December for all parishioners to hear. The next budget meeting is in January.

Building Committee: We will be going to the Board of Consulters to give the number to build the school.

Approval of the minutes: With revisions.

Business:

Council vacancy at St Anne was filled with Mr. Brian Walz.

Google calendar update: Jason will review the calendar with the school.

There will not be a December council meeting due to a schedule conflict with St Anne. Fr John states that if a meeting is necessary he will call for one.

Commission formation: Bob Austin passed out information for review for parish council members. This is for discussion in February.

The next meeting will be in January 27 for a dinner, place to be announced.

Opening prayer will be done by Carol Shaw in February.

The Next Council meeting will be on February 24, 2016 at St Charles.

Submitted by Marianne Donnan