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Parish Council Minutes
April 8, 2015

Present: Shirley Fumich, Joe Hartman, Tom Fumich, Nancy Leciejewski, Vince Farrell, Al Speigle, Cheryle Koberna, Michael Cox, Vince Loparo, Niki Sherman, and Liz Welborn.

Absent: Fr. Bob Franco.

Opening Prayer: Cheryle Koberna led us in prayer.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Niki Sherman reported that the Vacation Bible School had a meeting. Michael Cox had been unable to make the meeting; but, he has agreed to be the coordinator. Several volunteer leaders of the sections have come forward.

Evangelization – Vince Farrell reported that there was no meeting last month. The next meeting will be April 18th after the men's breakfast.

Parish Life – Vince Farrell shared that the Night with St. Christopher/Vacation Blessing is being planned for June 5, 2015.

The Pro Life Committee just finished 40 days for life – 5 Mondays of praying, 4 of them in the church due to the weather.

The Parish Life Commission is checking to see if there will be two donut Sundays in May (first Sunday of the month and Pentecost), as well as cookies on Saturday evening.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo related that the Garden Committee will meet next week. They have three potential new members. The Garden is to be tilled in mid-May, they are planning the plowing and spraying. Garden flyers are to go out in the next week or two. The flyers will be in the racks.

Spiritual Life – Cheryl Koberna reported that they have discussed potential plans for the following items: Taize Prayer service, Spiritual Gifts Retreat, Life in the Spirit Seminar, the Mass Series, and repeating the 33 days to Morning Glory.

Youth Ministry – Michael Cox shared that the Easter Egg Hunt and the Good Friday Stations of the Cross went well. Overall, the stations were declared "Excellent". Maybe next year they could be presented in the gym to provide greater visibility.

Coming up for Youth Ministry: a fundraiser (to pay for refreshments), a weekend trip to Steubenville – 2nd weekend of June, a Day Retreat and a Mission week.

The Youth Mass will be moving to the Noon Mass every week instead of the 5:00 p.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

Grateful Giving will be announced this weekend. Week one introduces the program, focusing on sharing (time/talent/treasure). Week two focuses on Treasure. Week three is Commitment weekend.

Old Business:

The Parish Directory – photography sessions will take place June 9th – 13th, June 16th – 20th and July 7th – 11th. Cheryle is organizing and will need Hosts for the sessions. It is hoped that 450 families will be photographed. It is recommended that towards the end of the 2nd week families who have not yet scheduled their sitting be called to invite them to take advantage of this opportunity to receive a free 8X10.

Discover the Ridge in 2015 is a Craft Show. Most of the churches are doing recruiting booths.

Niki has not received information on the six month marriage program that she was checking into, she will reach out to the parish that is currently experiencing the program for more information.

New Business:

Brian Matters – the harsh realities of underage drinking – will be presented next Wednesday, March 15, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Pocket Crosses – consider as giveaways for the Discover the Ridge Craft Fair or the Corn Festival.

Parish Council elections are coming up. The terms of Tom Fumich, Nancy Leciejewski, and Vince Loparo are expiring.

Praying the Rosary before the Masses of May will be announced in the Bulletin. The announcement will also recruit volunteers to lead the Rosary. Joe Hartman will schedule the volunteers.

We will discuss Chapter 12 “Be Restorers” of Rebuilt next month.

Kairos Prison Ministry needs cookies (no nuts or raisins) by the 22nd of April for their retreat weekend of Thursday April 23 – Sunday 26, 2015. See Al Speigle if interested in becoming a volunteer with Kairos Prison Ministry.

We joined together in closing prayer. Meeting closed at 9:47 p.m.

Next meeting is May 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Father Bob will lead the opening prayer and Liz will bring the snacks.