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Parish Council Minutes
February 11, 2015

Present: Fr. Bob Franco, Shirley Fumich, Joe Hartman, Liz Welborn, Tom Fumich, Vince Farrell, Al Speigle, Cheryl Koberna, Vince Loparo, and Niki Sherman.

Absent: Nancy Leciejewski and Michael Cox.

Opening Prayer: Al Speigle led us in prayer.

Reports from Commission Liaisons:

Education – Niki Sherman reported that an organization meeting for Vacation Bible School will be held to begin planning and shaping the plan.

Evangelization – Vince Farrell reported that the commission had met and they are still considering the calling tree.

Parish Life – Vince Farrell shared that they will meet this coming Saturday. They are focused on the Women's Luncheon to be held on March 7th. The Pro-life Committee meets next Tuesday to gear up for 40 days for Life, which starts February 23, 2015. There were sixty-six signups for the pro-life ad.

Social Justice – Vince Loparo related that their next meeting will be Saturday, February 21, 2015. The Commission will be promoting the Rice Bowls during lent again this year. The Rice Bowls will be distributed after all Masses on Ash Wednesday and the first weekend of Lent. Rice Bowls will also be handed out to the PSR and St. Peter School children. Rice Bowls will be collected on Palm Sunday.

The Garden Committee met Monday to begin planning for this year's garden. North Ridgeville Education Center will be offering Heart & Sole Challenge, a free event. The Garden Committee is hoping to participate in this event.

Spiritual Life – Cheryl Koberna reported that they have not met since our last meeting, their next meeting will be in March.

The Discernment of the Spirit sessions offered by Dr. Andy Kereky offered last night and last week were well received. Sessions of Life in the Spirit are being planned to be offered on Tuesday/Wednesday leading up to Pentecost.

They will be scheduling a Spiritual Retreat: Discernment of Your Spiritual Gifts in the Spirit – following up with four (4) weeks of small groups and a chance to meet with a Spiritual Counselor. This is a Diocesan Program.

Discussion of Chapter 10 “Don’t Rob God” of the book Rebuilt followed. This chapter suggests concentrating on developing givers rather than fundraisers. Giving is of Time, Talent and Treasure. An Offertory enhancement/letter appeal for spring using guidelines from the book was discussed, with thoughts toward developing Planned Givers, Priority Givers, Percentage Givers and Progressive Givers. Part of this program encourages offering a money management program – the Diocese offers a money management program that we could utilize.

St. Peter’s is working on setting up the website to accept donations.

Old Business – Joe Hartman reported that “Discover the Ridge” is offered through the Visitor’s Bureau. Last Year they used a Scavenger Hunt theme. They were holding a meeting today to discuss the 2015 program plan for mid May. They will contact Joe with information for involvement.

The Parish Council is in favor to revitalizing/updating the Parish Directory, perhaps in the fall. We will be seeking a coordinator. This would follow after the Grateful Giving in the spring/summer.

A group will be organized to check the pews after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass to do a quick pick-up after the Mass and leave the church refreshed for the Sunday morning Masses. If this proves successful, then it could be expanded to the Sunday Morning Masses.

Announcements and the timing thereof were discussed.

Father Bob will contact the sign contractor for an update on the electric sign.

Pastor’s Report: Father Bob shared the following items:

Researching starting small groups in the Parish, Father Bob has spoken with Father Bill Thaden. Spiritual programs should help feed into building a small group program.

The Parish is in the middle of the hiring process, seeking successors for Sister Pat and Fran. A Search Committee of 5 members has received 8 or 9 resumes (resume deadline is in about a week) and will be meeting with a Diocese representative. They will also utilize a survey of parents, students & faculty for input about the school. A survey will be sent to current On Our Way Home (aftercare) participants as the first step to fill the position that will become vacant upon Fran Hensel’s retirement.

The building on Root Road is now empty and is being maintained.

Father Bob Franco led us in closing prayer. Meeting closed at 8:58 p.m.

Next meeting is March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room – we will discuss Chapter 11 “Get the Parish Out of the Pews” of the book Rebuilt. Liz will lead the opening prayer and Shirley will bring the snacks.