

Parish Council Minutes

February 15, 2010

Participants: Father Bala - Pastor, Father Tran - Associate Pastor, Kim Leisinger, Tracy Clark, Sharon Wilson, Bob & Vicki Vogt, Greg & Mairead Penman, Jennifer Tanner, Diane Caruso, and Rafael Bougrat.

Meeting called to order by Tracy Clark, Parish Council Chairman

Old Business:

Finance/Budget Reports & Update: Greg & Mairead Penman

Revenues for Jan. 2010 - \$96,400

YTD Budget - \$54,000

Net income for month (-\$90,900)

Year to date net income (- \$26,321)

Old Church/Chapel Construction: Kim Leisinger

Still waiting on word/news from City of Franklin on approvals.

Current issue is the storing of the construction lumber which needs to be conditioned.

We will be checking with the Masons Lodge for possible storage area. We have no room to store the wood in our facility.

New Business:

Parish Council – Hosting Stations of the Cross March 23rd. We need volunteers.

Business Fair – March 20 & 21 this fair is informational only (no selling). The sign-ups will be on a first come first serve basis through the web site.

Mapping Program – Streets & Trips Microsoft software has been purchased and installed for administration purposes. We will take the registered parishioners information and cross reference it to identify their subdivisions (or area). This will help us build communities and target our welcoming and support/outreach efforts.

St. Philip – 140 Anniversary Celebration starting in Jan. 2011

We need to identify a chairperson to coordinate all activities. A DVD trip down memory lane with photos and music is one concept/possible fundraiser. Parishioner Rick Pepin has indicated an interest in the DVD idea. Father Bala has many thoughts about the year long celebration and it will take many volunteers. The Men's & Women's Clubs will be tapped to help recruit a 140th Anniversary committee.

Integration Effort with Hispanic Community – There is a desire to integrate the Hispanic younger generation with the non-Hispanic St. Philips parish. A coalition of team builders: Allejandro Mendez, Ignacio Caro, Jennifer Tanner, Kim Leisinger,

Rafael Bougrat & Ana Anaya. Social Action and outreach will be the starting point for the integration effort.

Parish Mission – Jennifer Tanner

First time we will have a retreat over Holy Week.
There will be a concert on Palm Sunday – Awaken our Hearts
The environment is being planned and will feature an oasis.

End of Event Protocol & Good Stewardship – Kim Leisinger

Responsibility is key when hosting any event or using the church facility in any way. Return everything to how and where you found it. Pay attention to trash detail, clean-up, lights, door, security, equipment, tables/chairs, purchasing staples, etc. Reminder.

Bulletin deadline change – Kim Leisinger

Articles and inserts for the bulletin are to be turned into the parish office before noon on Mondays. This deadline will be adhered to.

Parish Visits – Tracy Clark

Parish Council members who went on the visits to the various other catholic churches in our diocese are asked to send their thoughts about their visits to Tracy.

Ministry News:

Administration/Finance - Greg & Mairead Penman

Four times a year the ministries will have the opportunity to present a short infomercial to the parish. They will be asked to submit their remarks in writing prior to their assigned date. Approved remarks will be delivered before the closing prayer – spokesperson will stay near the alter after communion (less disruptive) and 4 ministries will present on the scheduled Sundays. The idea is to put a face on the ministry and allow the ministry to highlight upcoming activities such as Men’s Club and St. Pat’s Dance.

An inventory list of kitchen staples is being conducted and the cost of these items may be removed from the individual ministries. We are ending up with a surplus of some items and a deficit of others due to the overlapping activities.

The budget process is being refined. A mandatory workshop is planned to instruct ministry leaders about the timing of their events and determining their budget needs.

Building/Grounds - Kim Leisinger for Trip Guthrie

The annual insurance inspection is coming up. The Nashville Diocese is self-insured and requires annual inspections for insurance purposes. March is one of the months to conduct clean-up activities at St. Philip and there will be a clean-up Sunday soon.

Education & Faith Formation – Tracy Clark

Confirmation retreat Feb. 20 & 21st

Family Life – Assorted council members for Bob & Pam Harden

The We Believe in Marriage mass and dance on Feb. 13th was well attended this year and there was a good transition between the Men's Club V-Day breakfast and the Family Life crew for the V-Day Dance in terms of clean-up responsibilities.

Men's Club – Bob Vogt

Valentine's Day Breakfast was simply a success.

St. Pat's Dance – March 13th Tickets on sale week of Feb. 27 - March 13

\$30 per ticket / \$60 per couple or at the door \$35 per ticket/\$70 per couple.

Insert placed in bulletin and flyers distributed in church. Letters aren't sent anymore because they aren't necessary. Church of the Nativity has been invited. Babysitting has not been provided in the past, but looking into the possibility.

Parish Life & Evangelization – Diane Caruso

Why Catholic is starting up again.

Everything else was covered in submitted ministry reports.

San Felipe – Rafael Bougrat

The youth group celebrated Valentines Day (2-14-10) with 120 attendees.

Why Catholic Conference – Approximately 30 attendees.

Car seat checks by the Franklin Police Dept. 3-14-10 at St. Philip for anyone.

Business Fair – request the form be translated into Spanish.

Lent Program – Stations of the Cross on Fridays, bilingual mass on Easter at midnight, possible sunrise mass if we could determine a place.

Social Action – Vicki Vogt

Ministry report submitted. No additional news except for Haiti.

Rena Burns of Haiti ministry was present. Haiti ministry had requested additional money for repairs to our sister parish St. Charles Borromeo. A check was sent.

Women of St. Philip – Sharon Wilson

250 King Cakes were sold – highly successful fundraiser.

The proceeds from the cakes will help fund Loaves & Fishes desserts and the new Meals with Love freezer meals which are available to any parishioner in a time of need (new baby, death in the family, illness, trying times etc.).

Worship & Spirituality – Jennifer Tanner

Considering the implementation of a strategic planning process with the ministries under Worship & Spirituality. Will consult with W&S ministry leadership and work with the Administration ministries to avoid duplication.

Final Comments – Father Bala

Prepare yourselves for the Lenten season and set a good example. Continue to do good work for our church.