

St. Catherine of Sweden Roman Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2008

Attendees:

Father Regis, Deeann Beavers, John Beran, Denis Antol, Jim Kaczynski, Frank Petroy, Karen Gust, Sandy Macioce, Gary Spicuzza and Phyllis Murray

Opening Prayer was given by Karen Gust.

Minutes from the Pastoral Council Meeting on July 13, 2008 were approved.

Updates from Father Regis:

Father welcomed Jim Kaczynski and Sandy Macioce as new members to Parish Council and briefly reviewed the purpose of Parish Council.

Old Business:

Parish Census forms continue to be received and Staff are updating records.

Farm Market will run thru the month of October.

Protecting God's Children program sessions in progress for anyone in the church who volunteers or works with children in any capacity. Thirty parishes in the diocese to be audited this Fall.

New Business:

Safety - The following items were recently installed to protect the Church property: video surveillance cameras in hallways, sanctuary, and outside parameters of the church property. Iron gates were also installed in the area behind the altar. An electronic door device, FOB, will be installed in the near future. This device will be helpful during non-business hours to allow doors to be opened electronically so staff members do not need to be on premises to open church doors for meetings or other planned events. An intercom device also comes with the system.

Going Green - St. Catherine is "going green" by incorporating the following: use of paper products (no Styrofoam), no bottled water, installation of a paper dumpster and recycle container for pop cans. Signs prohibiting tobacco products to be installed also.

Confirmation will be on Friday, November 14 with Bishop Zubik blessing our young adults in the sacrament.

The Swedish Fete, or Outdoor Harvest will be held on Sunday, October 12 in the back outdoor parking lot from Noon to 5pm. Plans are well underway for the event, including food, Sweet shop, crafts and games for the kids.

Finance Update - Father has met with the Finance Committee to review year end results. The annual report will be presented at masses sometime in October.

Committee Reports:

Community Life - A mystery dinner theatre will be held on Saturday, Nov 15 in the church hall. Frank Petroy will direct the play "The Mild, Mild West". Staff members and members of the church community are performing in the play. Details for the dinner, ticket sales and hall decorations are being worked out.

Worship - Committee to meet next week with Jim Skalos regarding Thanksgiving and Advent services.

Facilities - No additional activity to report (see items above.)

Faith Formation - Father Pat will present a series of talks regarding St. Paul for the Lenten series. Other suggestions were discussed regarding guest speakers for adult presentations throughout the year. Committee to explore options further.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

Opening Prayer for next meeting - Deeann Beavers

Minutes for next meeting - Gary Spicuzza

Minutes submitted by Phyllis Murray