

Parish Council Meeting
February 11, 2009

Present: Father Ptak, M. Cerulla- Administration, C. Niewiarowski- At large, B. Van Boxell - Holy Name, J. Crider - At large, T. Scanlon - Principal, Sister Virginia - Pastoral, A. Adamski - Ushers, A., Costello - At large, Pam Munroe – Vicariate, J. Courtright – Rosary

Absent: No Worship member, P. Prygocki – Altar, D. Bloomfield – Education, J. Nasarzewski – At Large

Visitors: Deacon Bloomfield, J. Kunciat, M. Zeilman, Pat Fabian

Invited Guest : Terry Wisniewski

Meeting opened with a prayer

Minutes of October 28, 2008 accepted as written.

New Business:

School Advisory Committee: T. Scanlon stated that the Board has been formed. There are 5 members: Leo Stevenson, Andy Swiecki, Pat Barczak, Brian Smiegel, Norm Walker. They have met several times and everyone is very enthused about this board.

The parent / teacher groups have met; there will be one group formed encompassing the entire school.

The athletic department has already been combined.

School Accreditation will be taking place and a social will be held March 3 to meet the accreditation team.

The 8th grade will be taught high school algebra and science.

The high school is having a Retreat. 11th & 12th grades will be at St. Stanislaus and the 7th – 10th grade will have theirs here.

Parish Health Ministry: Terry Wisniewski explained to the council what our goals are. Health information provided for those who need it (resources &/or referrals), a lending closet (used, un-needed equipment is welcomed). Terry stated that a Survey will be sent out so that the needs of the parish are defined.

Visitors: Pat Fabian stated they were present to support the Traditional Latin Mass and to request to have them more often. Deacon Bloomfield stated that 2 years ago the Holy Father made it clear that the Old Mass was not abolished. A priest does not need permission to say the Mass but that he must learn and know it. A discussion took place about our music program and its move to a more traditional form. The Eucharist is the summit and highlight of our week. Our new bishop is more traditional.

Father stated that the dioceses requested us to take the High Altar from St. John Cantuis. Our sanctuary is not big enough to hold the Altar. The Dioceses would help us to reconstruct it. Father has not made a decision as of yet.

Offertory Increase Program: Electronic giving has increased the offertory. A note will run continuously in the bulletin to sign up for this program.

Parish Cluster: This is 2 parishes, one pastor, but not merging. St. Stan's parish council has sent a letter to Bishop Reese indicating they would like to cluster with Mt. Carmel . We have to send a letter confirming this action

Open Forum: Vicariate – Pam informed us that a Career Transition Ministry has been formed. This is a support group to help people with resume'. The High school Oratory contest will be held at the Southgate Library 3-14. Ushers - Al advised us the Stag Party will take place 4-18. There would be 3 fish fry dinners during lent. Holy Name – Brian advised there would be a raffle in May and the Golf outing would be 6-20. An open training class for parishioners will be held to learn how to use the defibrillator. Father asked for prayers for Bishop Reese as he is very ill.

Meeting closed with a prayer