

ST. JUDE PARISH
 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – **APPROVED 9/15/2015**
 APRIL 28, 2015

PRESENT: Father Don Terry Pasterski
 Clay Aumann John St. Andre
 Patrick Costello Susan Straubel

TOPIC:	REPORT/DISCUSSION:	ACTION:
CALL TO ORDER:	The meeting was called to order and opened with a prayer led by John St. Andre.	
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA:	The February 24, 2015 St. Jude Pastoral Council meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The meeting agenda was approved as distributed with one addition under OLD BUSINESS: Update on Former Convent Building.	
NEW BUSINESS:	There was no new business to discuss.	
OLD BUSINESS:		
RENOVATIONS:	The renovations to the church are scheduled to begin on June 1 st . Approximately \$90,000 is still needed to cover the expenses for this phase of the project. Nearly 80% of the costs for the total project have been donated or pledged. A third letter to parishioners was sent out requesting those who haven't donated yet to consider what they might be able to give and encouraging those who have given but are able to contribute more to do so. SCRIP purchases have contributed about \$6000 toward the renovation project. Additional fund raising activities that may be undertaken in autumn were also discussed. Updates were provided on some of the work that will be done during the upcoming renovations, including installation of light switches rather than using a breaker box and selection of tile colors for the flooring in the main part of the church and in the sanctuary. A question was raised about installing risers in the choir area. This idea was considered but not pursued because it would raise insurance costs.	Informational; no council action required at this time.
PARISH LIFE:	The paper drive to raise funds for purchase of a new organ went very well. The funds from the paper drive plus the bake sale on the first Saturday of the drive and a donation from Norma Vincent brought in about \$1900. The choir would like to hold fudge sale after the Masses on May 10 th and/or May 17 th .	The council approved the request to sell fudge to raise additional funds toward purchase of the new organ.
UPDATE ON FORMER CONVENT BUILDING:	Conversion of the former convent into a Young Adult House and ministry center is moving forward. Six individuals have already expressed interest in renting rooms next year. The center could potentially house between 8-10 residents. Painting and installation of new flooring will be done to update the rooms and some minor remodeling is needed. Some of the Faith Formation's portion of the Mardi Gras profits is being put toward these updates. The plan is to have most of the work completed by July 1 st .	Informational; no council action required at this time.
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:	Discussion continued on updating the parish's mission statement. Suggestions from parish members were reviewed and considered,	Council members will continue to work on

	and statements from other parishes and from the diocese were also distributed to get a sense of styles and wording that could be used to describe St. Jude Parish. The consensus is that the statement should be concise. Words and phrases that were mentioned at this meeting that might be used in the statement include: welcome, honor, call forth (or share) the presence of Christ, open our hearts and minds to all who enter.	creation of a new parish mission statement at the next meeting.
OTHER BUSINESS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The nursing home ministries were discussed. The nursing homes' concern about staffing to allow for Sunday services was acknowledged. However, a question was raised about bringing communion room to room, which would require no additional staff for the nursing home but would allow residents and their families to still express their faith. This service could be provided by volunteers as available. Contact will be made with the nursing homes to get approval but this seems to be a reasonable compromise. • The fund raising group for purchase of the former bank building for the food pantry and Love Life ministry is starting to solicit donations. Matching funds have been secured. This group met with Father Don recently and presented their mission statement and their donation card. 	No council action required.
ADJOURNMENT:	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.	
Recorder:	Beth Markon	