

St. Patrick Parish Council Meeting – Amended

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Annunciation, Room 108

Present: Fr. Don, Nancy Cornwell, Mary Ann Daniel, Krista Evrard, Ann Hanchek, Mary Simonis, Susan Wirtala, Tim Younk, Sharon Zakowski, and Paul VanderSteege (Treasurer and Trustee)

- I. Opening Prayer – Father Don
- II. Minutes – Approved as amended
- III. Agenda-Approved with the addition of Hospitality
- IV. New Business
 - a. The Council officers for 2014/2015 are approved with Krista Evrard, President; Nancy, Vice President; and Susan Wirtala, Secretary
 - b. The choir loft upgrade will be done with St. Patrick providing materials and members of the Latin Rite providing labor. This will be a huge cost savings from the original amount budgeted, from \$30,000 to less than \$10,000.
 - c. A new parish electronic sign is being bid, placement to be on Ashland Avenue.
 - d. New processional cross and candlesticks have been provided by a family.
 - e. Fundraising for \$255,000 has been approved to purchase the Clinton Street Fox Valley Credit Union building for the new St. Pat’s Pantry. Fr. Don expects to raise the money from donors interested in the pantry, not from the parish at large.
 - f. Hospitality. We need to move away from the once-a-month gatherings at the back of the church. We don’t have a gathering place per se and there have been complaints about food in the church itself. For now, we are looking at a “tail gate” gathering for September and the 150th anniversary events in 2015.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Latin Rite update. Father Don reports the Latin Rite group is happy with the move to St. Patrick’s and they want it to work. They provide fresh flowers in the front of the church and have offered to help in maintaining the Church and it’s grounds. Within three years they will pay half of of the cost of running the Church, with their rent going up 20% every year until they are at half.
 - b. 2015 150th Parish Anniversary. Events planned so far include a special bingo night, in March St. Patrick’s Day, the May Day Crowning, and in October a mass followed by an evening at the Riverside. There was discussion about a possible potluck dinner following mass in January. There are plans for commemorative items such as mugs and cribbage boards.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Wirtala