

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Parish Council
Minutes--November 17, 2009
Deery Library

Meeting was called to order at 7:00.

Present: Fr. Ev, Katy Baumgartner, Angela Skarlis, Jim Draude, Tom Sink, Tim Zaputil, Tom Hoag, Doreen Hayek, Liza Hulme, David Miller, Judy Weekley, and Matt Driscoll.

Absent: Chris Mudd, Kelly Christensen, and Paul DiMarco.

October minutes were approved.

David Miller was present at the meeting to propose the idea of growing a garden at the former site of 721 Main St. to benefit the Matthew 25 Fund. It will be discussed in a future meeting.

MASS COUNTS: the following information was given regarding Mass counts in years past:

Year	Average # in attendance	Average # per Mass
2007	1241	310
2008	1153	284
2009	1111	370

Discussion will take place again in March or April.

JOINT LEADERSHIP MEETING: The purpose of this meeting is to meet with 2-3 people from each leadership group and to discuss important topics, such as the vision of where St. Pat's is going, outreach to inactive parishioners, and to point out what we do well. Another purpose to this meeting is to get to know people from other leadership groups.

OUR CATHOLIC MISSION AND VISION: Fr. Ev showed us a DVD. We may or may not need to change our mission statement.

PASTOR'S REPORT: We do not need to meet on December 15.

Fr. Ev wants us to be thinking about people who would be willing and able to be put on a task force to address inactive Catholics and parishioners. Catholic Charities will no longer offer the adoption agency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Concerns: Judy Weekley reported that 120 poinsettias will be delivered by parishioners to the elderly and shut-ins on December 4. Maureen Oates has sent letters to those who donated to the Feed My Lambs project, telling them that we are now going to

sponsor the Farm of the Child project. All money previously donated to Feed My Lambs has been sent to Honduras.

Parish Life: Chris Draude is the new chairperson.

Finance and Administration: There was a surplus of \$17,000 in October which took the operating debt from \$51,000 down to \$43,000. \$21,000 was paid back to the memorial fund. Lucas Hamilton has backed off of the “green space” project idea because of other potential ideas for the space.

To create priority, a spread sheet listing capital expenditures (things that cost more than \$100) has been created.

Not much progress has been made brainstorming for fundraising ideas.

A separate meeting will be planned to discuss debt reduction. The focus will be on operations.

Liturgy: The fire and storm evacuation plan has been finished.

Tom Sink gave an overview of the Christ Renews His Parish retreat program. Fr. Ev will contact Fr. Quint to ask him to talk with the liturgy committee at the next meeting.

Board of Education: There was discussion of tuition proposals with more discussion planned for next meeting.

An exact date will be set as a deadline for school registration. A late fee will be enforced to all late registrations.

OTHER CONCERNS: Black Hawk County would like to enforce that the entire St. Pat’s campus just be “smoke-free” and not “tobacco free”. Fr. Ev will not agree to this.

Adjournment and closing prayer at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Angela Skarlis