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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 26, 2016**

**7:00 PM-PCMR**

**PRESENT:** Fr. Brian, Brian Aeschlimann, Anne Blindt, Barb Bohringer, Mike Dummer, Mike Gabor, Elaine Hathaway, Jane Maly, John Winter, Gene Zander, Kevin Sullivan

**ABSENT:** Jack Arseneau, Luke Fuszard, Elaine Hathaway, Earl Lochner, Nick Simon-resigned

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:05 pm by Mike Gabor, President

**OPENING PRAYER:** Father Brian

- 1. PRESENTATION OF THE NEW PARISH WEBSITE** – Kevin Sullivan  
Kevin explained the servers are through E-Catholic which we pay a monthly fee. Very impressive, easy to navigate. Will be announced in the bulletin this will now be available to all. If there are any questions/suggestions let Kevin know.
- 2. OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - A. Approval of Minutes** – Anne Blindt motioned to approve minutes with John Winters seconding the motion. All agreed.
  - B. Church Renovation Update** – Fr. Brian stated everything is in place to go. There are no weddings 6/18 through 7/23 so will do the wood floor, etc. then. We have some asbestos under the carpet and will deal with that.
  - C. Budget 2016-2017 and Misc.– Fr Brian**  
Fr. Brian reported that although we showed a \$7,000 deficit in the operating budget, someone came forward with a \$7,000 check for us to use toward this. We are sitting good so there is no alarm but we just don't want to have to spend our reserve on daily operations. We have some maintenance items on a list that Steve Hoff had already worked up and we are going to move forward on some of those. Someone provided a check in the collection for this fund. We are also looking at redoing some of our savings. Going with BM Harris/nonprofit which I believe is a good way to go.

The Parish Council Election was successful. The new members will report to our next meeting: Mike Dummer, Jane Maly, Jan Clauss, Pam Klas, Leslie Sullivan. I have something for Earl Lochner to thank him for his years on the council.

Evangelical Catholic – I'd like to set up a new program for training parish members to facilitate small groups. St. Paul's started this and both Kevins met with the person that would do this for us. More information will follow on this but we need a commitment by July. Jane M. asked how many are involved in small groups in our parish. Fr. Brian said he would check on that.

Parish Directory Sign Up – Fr. Brian is going to have his staff handle each of the masses for the upcoming weekend. He asked for volunteers for the masses the weekend of June 4 and 5 from the parish council.

#### **D. Reports/Commission Updates**

Property Commission – Nothing more to report.

Faith Formation – Mike Gabor reported that we are going to stay with the small books that we give out for the church seasons. We want to go with a new alternative for the small faith called the Wild Goose Program. Parish surveys will be mailed and in the pews June 3.

Health Commission – Brian Aeschlimann reported there are no meetings since Adrienne retired. Fr. Brian stated more will follow on this later.

Human Needs Commission – Barb B stated Peanut Butter/Jelly Drive was not very successful this year due to a communication breakdown with staff. Rose Sale brought in \$850 which was lower than previous years. We thought it may have been due to First Communion, Tootsie Roll Drive, St. Vincent de Paul bag collection and the Rose Sale all this same weekend although again we need to work with staff to communicate duties to the Religious Ed volunteers. Community meals have been going fine. Annual elections were held: Barb Bohringer-Chairperson, Georgine Jacobs-Vice Chairperson and Jane Maly-Secretary. St Bernards Parish is invited to attend the St Francis Picnic July 10. We will carpool from the parking lot. Watch the bulletin for upcoming information on the Macaroni/Cheese and School Supply Drive, Weekend Food Backpack Pilot Project, Winter Clothing Drive and the Giving Tree that we will be doing.

Finance Council – Fr. Brian reported on this above.

Parish Picnic 2016 – In Luke's absence, John Winter stated that Luke has everything in place for the picnic. Since Nick Simon resigned he will

make arrangements for those items that Nick was signed up for.

**3. CLOSING**

**A. Next Executive Meeting:** Thursday, July 14, 2016, 6:30 pm, POCR

**B. Next Parish Council Meeting:** Thursday, July 28, 2016, 7:00 pm, PCMR

**C. Prayer:** Mike Gabor            Next Prayer Leader: Fr. Brian

Minutes submitted by Barb Bohringer