

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Parish Center Library
7:00 – 9:00 pm

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| <u>exc</u> Debbie Clingingsmith | <u>x</u> Tricia Heim | <u>x</u> Sam Palko |
| <u>x</u> Dick Crippen | <u>x</u> Bob Knapick | <u>x</u> Penny Tafoya |
| <u>x</u> Ann Dufour | <u>x</u> Bob Lavelle | <u>x</u> Fr. Ken Laverone |
| <u>x</u> Darrin Greer | <u>exc</u> Dennis Mahoney | <u>x</u> Fr. Sebastian Sandoval |
| <u>x</u> Tami Gutierrez | <u>exc</u> Kent Meyers | |
| <u>exc</u> Kala Haley | <u>x</u> Jose Michel | |
| <u>x</u> Margaret Healey, chair | | |

1. Welcome and Roll Call
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Margaret.
 - Attendance was confirmed by the secretary.

2. Opening prayer was led by Ann.

3. Review of agenda and approval of November minutes. A motion to approve the minutes without amendments was made, seconded, and carried.

4. Parishioner Input
 - Parishioners are happy that the lights in the corridor are working again.
 - Positive feedback about Christmas decorations. Lent decorations will be simpler and more stripped down compared to last year, and will focus on conveying the Lord's mercy.
 - Parishioners who are interested in the Bereavement Ministry can contact the Parish Center.
 - Questions arose about incorporating the RCIA dismissal into Mass times other than 9:30 on Sunday to allow Parishioners more exposure to the catechumens. The RCIA dismissal currently coincides with Breaking Open the Word.

9. Pastor's Remarks
 - Fr. Ken and Fr. Sebastian were at Chapter last weekend, where the Franciscan province elected a new Provincial, Vicar Provincial, and Counselors. There are no current plans for the Franciscans to leave St. Francis of Assisi Parish, though that may occur within the next few years. We will know in late February to early March if Fr. Ken or Fr. Sebastian will be moving.
 - Advertising has begun for the Administrative Associate and Director of Outreach positions. Several candidates have come forward.
 - The church ceiling damage is worse than expected, and will cost \$100,000 more than the initial bid. The scaffolding will still be removed by the middle of February.
 - Designs for the new baptismal font and renovated reconciliation room are coming along well.
 - The church gets a lot of requests from missionaries asking to present to the parish about their work. The current calendar allows for two guest speakers per year during regular liturgy. In the interest of not bombarding the parish with appeals, the existing calendar will remain in place.

15. Gift Acceptance Policy and Policy Establishing Dunphy Accounts
 - The diocese made minor changes to fund account establishment policy. Guidelines for future gift acceptance are almost done; deferred gifts are the only missing section. The rest of the policy

- Gift Acceptance Policy and Dunphy Accounts Policy, cont.

has been approved by all deciding parties except the Parish Council at this point. Some language comes directly from the diocese, and cannot be changed. A motion to approve the policy without amendments was made, seconded and carried.

18. Francis House Center

- Francis House has become part of Next Move, a subsidiary of Goodwill Industries. Since this change will put Francis House in a much more stable funding situation, general discussion was held regarding donating our 1st Sunday collection each month to another charity, or charities that serve the poor.

20. Pastoral Plan

- Committee chairs will meet with their staff contact to assess progress and determine next steps. Committees will complete existing objectives before adding new ones.

22. Finance Committee Report

- Covenant of Sharing giving exceeded projected hopes! Because of the parish's generosity, pay raises of 5% were able to be granted to the staff.
- Salary ranges for the new hires have been approved for 41,000 - \$44,000.

25. School Report

- School-parish relations continue to grow closer. The school is looking for more opportunities for the students to serve parish staff needs through volunteering.
- The principal, co-chair, and staff have worked hard on an impressive accreditation report.
- January 31 marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. The school will host several events, including a pancake breakfast, to celebrate.

29. Next Meeting

- February 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm (location to be determined.)