

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Council Meeting
Regular Meeting

July 8, 2015, 7:00 pm; Parish Center

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

Guests: Jean Iacino

1. Welcome and Roll Call
 - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Margaret.
 - Attendance was confirmed by the secretary.
2. Opening prayer was led by Kent.
3. Review of agenda and approval of June minutes. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made, seconded, and carried.
4. Elections to Parish Council Positions
 - Kent Meyers was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.
 - Dennis Mahoney was unanimously elected as Finance Committee Liaison.
 - Tami Gutierrez was unanimously elected as School Liaison.
5. Parishioner Input
 - Jean Iacino gave an update on the new baptismal font: Finance Council does not want to install the new baptismal font until after the scaffolding for the interior painting is finished. The scaffolding and resulting activity might nick up the new font. However, since the interior painting cannot start until the contractors finish painting the train station (late fall at earliest), this means that there will not be a new baptismal font for Easter. The first meeting of the Baptismal Font committee will convene tomorrow (July 9th), and will set up a timeline, planning, and educational sessions for the baptismal font project.
 - Dennis reported that he was aware of some parishioner concerns about the Parish Council election process. They suggested that elections be held earlier because many people are on vacation in late May. It was also suggested that the absentee ballot process be reviewed. A new Bylaws Committee was established to review these issues as well as the bylaws as a whole. The members are Margaret, Dennis and Darrin.
 - A Parish Council member expressed a concern about the availability of health care to our Step Guests. General discussion was held regarding this matter. There are limits to what the parish can do for our guests, but the Steps program is something we can be proud of.

6. Pastor Remarks

- Considerations for music to be printed on the bulletin, rather than on an insert. The printing cost is the same. There is concern about the small font size needed to fit the music on the front page, but the feedback has been positive overall. The new format can have a trial run for a few months, after which the parish can decide on a permanent format.
- Review of new bequest policy. The policy is based on the Dunphy bequest, and includes how the parish will accept both the Dunphy and future bequests. The policy prevents a rogue future pastor from frivolous spending of future bequests.

7. Gift Acceptance Policy

- Fr. Sebastian reviewed basic bequest policies for the future. The policy is based on existing bequest policy from Scottsdale, and includes some diocese regulations that the parish has to adhere to. It is written with the parish in mind, but the school is welcome to use the policy as a guideline for future bequests.

8. Dunphy Funds Policy and Finance Committee Report

- Dennis covered how the Dunphy fund would be used: church ceiling; capital improvements and long-term maintenance; a charity fund for school scholarships, charities, and the needy; an emergency fund; and a gift to the parish school to install air conditioning and LED lighting.

9. Discussion of St. Francis and His Conversions took place. Kala led this month's discussion of Chapter 4. Jose will lead the discussion of Chapter 5 at the August meeting.

10. Pastoral Plan Updates

- Lector and Eucharistic ministry classes are coming up.
- Young adult outreach continues, and is going well.
- Liturgy teams should come to meetings.
- Ann Dufour volunteered for the Faith Formation committee; Darrin Greer volunteered for the School committee. Council needs people for the Faith Formation committee.
- Committees should submit an annual committee update of what they have accomplished from the pastoral plan.

11. Pending Items

- Next month's meeting will be held on August 11th; the location is pending.
- Jose will lead the opening prayer for the August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.