PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES May 28, 2015

Attendance: Mike Balla, Bob Beauvais, Phil Blankenstein, Maureen Gipprich, Heather Keperling, Ann Claire McNish, Mary Murphy, Tony Rearden, Sister Teresa Ballisty, Msgr. Domin, Karin Donato (Parish Directory), Steve Hahn (Serra Club)

The meeting began with a prayer.

Council Photos

Photos were taken of Council members before the meeting. These pictures will be uploaded to the Parish website.

Elijah Cup Program

Representing the Serra Club, Steve Hahn spoke on the Elijah Cup Program. He told us the Elijah Cup Program is a Vocational Prayer Program focused on a consecrated chalice. A family would take the chalice home after a Sunday Mass, pray for vocations, journal, and return the chalice the following Sunday. Steve will develop a specific plan with duties, responsibilities, and timelines to implement the Program. He would also like to promote the Program in the school and PREP classrooms. The Council unanimously voted to proceed with the Elijah Cup Program in our Parish.

Ministers of Hospitality

Ann Claire McNish and Bob Beauvais reported on the progress of the Hospitality Ministry. They felt the enthusiasm of the 58 people who have volunteered for the ministry is overwhelming. Two training sessions were held in May and another recruitment/training session will be held in September. Ann Claire is working on a schedule that meets the needs of the volunteers' availability. Msgr. suggested placing a white board with the schedule in the church as well as e-mailing it to volunteers.

Parish Directory

Karin Donato and Msgr. Domin met with the owner of Legacy, Barry Chaffe, to further discuss a Parish Directory. Plans were made to begin the process in June with posters, bulletin announcements, brochures, etc. provided by Legacy. Photos will be taken at the Church during the months of August through early December to accommodate families.

Christmas Boutique

Msgr. Domin reported that Dave Kostival has accepted the chairmanship of the Boutique.

Scrip Promotion

Sister Teresa brought information about the Great Lakes Scrip Program to our meeting. The Parish School has been using this Program and the Council would like to see the entire Parish embrace it.

Council Member Term Expiration

Phil Blankenstein and Tony Rearden are going to chair the search committee for new Council members. Phil and Tony are planning to place information in the bulletin about the vacancies on the Council emphasizing the need for some young adult participation.

Parish Website Update

Heather Keperling told the Council that she has received some great feedback about the updated website. She wants to keep it fresh and timely so all suggestions are greatly appreciated by her.

ISIS Victim Support

Heather Keperling noted that Deanna Stratton has volunteered to lead the orange ribbon campaign in support of ISIS victims. The Council gave its full support to this initiative.

Other Business

Ann Claire McNish made the suggestion to formally name the Church Social Hall. The Council will further discuss this topic at our next meeting.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary C. Murphy Secretary

Next meeting: June 25, 2015 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. Maureen has the opening prayer.