

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2013
8:00PM

Present: Al Koshney, Todd Zimprich, Msgr. Daniel Pilon, Samantha DeLong, Jean Capouch, Mary Stocking, David Groven, Greg Krieger, and Tara Balstad

Msgr. Pilon opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Finances were also reviewed and approved. It was discussed that Tara should talk with Andrea about teaching her how to enter the payroll in our accounting system as it is not done as soon as we would like it to be as Andrea does work for several other parishes than ours.

Time and Talent Sheet- This should be updated to include the women's groups. It was discussed that maybe the groups should be posted so that people know what group they are in and can be informed of what their group does. Also so that they are able to see if they would like to change groups and so new people can choose. It was also considered that we should add a couples group to the sheet. We would really like to get the men more involved in the parish but aren't sure how to do so. It was thought that maybe the men could be added to the P.E.A.C.E. groups along with their wives. The sheets are to be filled out again in September. We would like to put a deadline on it so hopefully everyone gets them back to us in a timely manner.

Building Fund Money- We are still receiving money for the building fund and it was decided by council that this money will be kept and spent on repairs or anything needed for the building.

Education- CCD classes will start after Labor Day on Wednesday, September 4th. Registration sheets will be out next week. Not a whole lot of changes from last year except a new person will be doing VBS. All teachers filled except still waiting to hear back from one person.

Repairs and Updates- Msgr. replaced three electronic ballasts for the fluorescent lights in the classrooms and his office. The fire alarms need to be replaced as well. Currently we are only able to reach about half of them to replace the batteries and some of them are just disconnected because of this. Al is going to follow up with Jeff's Electric about having them put in better places and possibly getting ones that do not require batteries. The benches outside are starting to look in pretty poor shape and it was brought up as to whether they should be repainted or replaced. Painting them was thought to be a bad idea as they are splintering, cheap, and several years old already. Al is going to check on prices for new ones as he may be able to get a discount on them. They might be roughly \$600 but they would be metal and would last forever. The trees and bushes need trimming-Greg to do some of this. The shed door also still needs to be repaired as the hinges are rotting and rounded. Msgr. is worried that he will soon not be able to open the door. We would like to fix this for as little money as possible.

The heating and cooling has been working well lately so hoping that continues. There is one part that still needs to be replaced and it is not cheap. We haven't needed it yet so the payment for it has not been authorized. It made a big difference when Xcel replaced the transformer.

Bishop Folda to visit on Wednesday, September 25th. We would like to plan to have an evening Mass. It was discussed to possibly have other priests to the event as well and to maybe have the CCD kids do something special. We would like to send invites to all parishioners so they know what is going on and so they can RSVP. In case we would like to have a meal afterwards. Possibly a hot dish of some sort. It would be nice if we could get some of the items needed for the meal donated so that it won't be too costly. On this night we would also like to celebrate the building being paid off and have some sort of a mortgage burning ceremony.

Msgr. would like to know if there is any interest in taking on a charity as a parish. We would run a second collection at Mass for a certain purpose. Maybe to another priest whose parish is struggling. We do little as far as charities go for now. It was decided that we could try it and see how it goes. It seems to work well in other parishes. We would like to keep it local.

Next meeting to be held on September 4th at 7pm.