

Our Lady of Peace & St. Agnes Joint Council Meeting

February 6, 2013 7:00PM

Present: Msgr. Pilon, Todd Zimprich, Conray Griesbach, Jill Moore, Gerri Huwe, Bryon Mitzel, David Groven, Sam DeLong, and Tara Balstad

Msgr. Pilon led us in prayer.

Minutes reviewed and approved.

Schedule Change-It was proposed to have the Mass hours changed for next year to 8:30am and 11:00am. A vote was taken and it was agreed on by all to start the change on June 1st, 2013.

Finances-Budget for next year is extremely tight. There was about \$2,000 of retirement payments that was missed and not included in the budget, which will make it even tighter. If push comes to shove we do have some money in savings for if repairs are needed but we don't want it to go that far.

It was discussed that we may need to adjust the amount that St. Agnes pays OLP per month. They were bumped up in 2008 from \$800 to \$850 and in 2010 it was proposed that they pay \$1105 per month. Right before Msgr. Pilon came to be with us their amount was increased to \$925, and this is what they currently pay. It was decided to look over the numbers again and see if a change is to be made. They have lost a lot of members in recent years and some of their people are only seasonal. The amount each parish pays depends on how many parishioners they have. We updated the parish lists of families and this information will be addressed by St. Agnes in their next council meeting to decide what the new amount will be and when to make the increase.

Both parishes are hurting financially and we need to cut costs where possible. At OLP we are regulating when the heat is used and not keeping it as warm even during Mass. Msgr. Pilon also volunteered to drop his cable to eliminate another monthly bill. Even with cutting costs where we can we still are coming up short. A letter has been made to ask parishioners to donate more due to the increasing costs of running the parish. The letters will be sent out in early march so as to not interfere with God's Gift of Appeal. We will also be putting an announcement in the bulletin to see if there is anyone interested in doing direct deposits for donations.

St. Agnes wants something similar to what is being done for OLP as far as stating last months earnings and expenses put in the bulletin. They would also like something to show where they are for income when compared to last year at the same time.

Sign for Church- The flower shop was contacted and they agreed to let us put up a sign for the church on their property. Karen is looking into some sign prices and sizes to decide what we need for people to be able to see it from the road well.

Our Lady of Peace's next meeting to be held on March, 6th and St. Agnes will hold theirs on March, 12th.

Msgr. Pilon said a closing prayer before we adjourned.