

OUR LADY OF PEACE COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2013 7:00PM

Present: Sam, Karen, David, Jean, Msgr. Pilon, Greg, Al, Mary, and Tara

Msgr. Pilon led us in an opening prayer.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Finances were reviewed. Questions as to why we had overdue interest on our building loan. Found out it was a computer problem at the Diocese and that they will manually put the information in next time so we will have a correct statement. We went over the budget compared to income last year and discussed how to make them match up better for this year. We may need to do more fundraisers or ask people to donate more. We are also looking in to where we can cut costs around the parish.

Education Committee report was given. Samantha reported that things are going well, the kids are good, and they had just gotten off Christmas break so there wasn't much to report at this time.

We needed to try contribute to the Ministerium Sojourner Fund so it was decided that a second collection would be done at this Sunday's Mass. \$168.17 was raised to be put towards this fund. Thanks to those who donated.

It was discussed that we needed a person to speak on February 2nd for the God's Gift Appeal weekend. This is to support the diocese for helping out the parishes. Recruits were discussed and Bill Krivarchka was called and asked if he was willing. He agreed to be the OLP speaker for this issue.

Communal reconciliation services at OLP will be on Monday, March 18th. Hunter is doing 5 Wednesdays of lent and St. Agnes is due to host their Ecumenical service on March 13th, so Msgr. will be there for that.

It was discussed weather to add anything to the year of upcoming events. Possibly doing a Seder meal in the spring at the Capouch's rather than having a fall meal. Do this to get events more spread out rather than several events all around the same time. We also discussed letting people know about special Masses and events by email rather than just the bulletin so we can really get the word out there.

We are still concerned about issues with the furnace. Msgr. was looking into a guy from Hillsboro to take a look at our system, but he was contacted before and is unable to help with anything large scale, only minor repairs. Faulk is being contacted to come look at it because nobody else will deal with it.

It was decided to put more financial information in the bulletin so parishioners know where we are. Let people know how and where money is spent if we are receiving extra money above and beyond bills. Once a month Tara is to put in the bulletin what the income and expenses were for the previous month. If we are getting below what we need to get by we may need to ask parishioners to up their giving through the bulletin and/or letters. Also, it was brought up that maybe we should send out giving statements twice a year rather than just at the end so everyone knows what they have given at the halfway point.

Lent is the second week of February through the end of March and it was brought up that we would like to have some fish fry's on Friday's. Maybe only once or twice would work. Al and Greg are going to connect with Todd on this to work out the details. It was discussed to have it be a free will offering.

We would like to see a men's club in the parish. We are going to see about getting some support from the Diocese on this and get some new ideas for having an organization and getting some activities going.

We still aren't sure where we should put the sign for the church. We need to figure out how big the sign needs to be to be seen properly from the road. Possibly approach someone at Cenex or the flower shop with the request to have it on their property. David is going to ask Brett and Ken to hear their initial thoughts on

the idea.

Msgr. would like to get a vision going for the church. He wants established tasks and directives so we have a goal to work towards. God uses us as arms and legs to help out in the community. How do we "become" the body of Christ? This is a year long process. Any ideas are welcome on this issue. We filled out sheets with ideas on what we would like to see the church achieve, avoid, or improve on. This is the start of figuring out the goals of the church.

Msgr. closed with a prayer.

Next month is the joint parish meeting. Wednesday, Feb. 6th at 7:00PM at OLP