

St. Joseph Pastoral Council Meeting January 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Janan Weber at Reuter Hall in Raymond. Members present were Mary Weber, Jim Bailey, Scott Reiter, Don Weber, Craig Becker, Father Huber, Chris Youngblut, Jamie McMahon, and Paula Winkers. Excused: Michelle Stroh and Mark Becker. Absent: Garry Damon.

Father Huber led us in opening prayer.

Jim motioned and Don seconded approval of minutes from previous meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Copies of October, November, December Profit & Loss were shared, along with year-end figures. Don reported that Christmastime offerings were generous. Don motioned, Scott seconded, all approved paying the Bosco System the \$5,000 we owe for the new boiler that was put in SJ center a couple years ago.

Education: Jamie reported that our school subsidy should decrease for FY 2014, while tuition and lunch prices will increase some. Bosco is looking to hire a development director for a 20 hour per week position. Fr. Huber is teaching a class for Bosco seniors and is pleasantly surprised at their interest and performance in class. Jamie also noted that the class composite pictures that were in St. Mary's hall will soon be hanging in the school.

Community Life/Social Concerns: The Giving Tree, led by Marion Peters, was much appreciated, per a thank you note/photo from the recipient family.

Deanery Council: Jim did not attend the meeting, but Father Huber reported there is a new person in the area teaching NFP; he will have her talk to his senior class. The Year of Faith initiative is asking all parishes to work together to compile a list of "10 Reasons Why I'm Catholic". Proposal made to put a flyer in the bulletin to collect parishioners' reasons and compile a list of the Top 10 to send in to the diocese.

Parish Society: Valentine Omelet Breakfast will be February 10, 2013, 8 a.m. – noon. Diane Drilling and Marion Peters have offered to organize raffle. Sign-up sheets were passed around.

Spiritual Growth and Liturgy: Schedules have been set for Lenten services. At St. Joe's, Ash Wednesday mass is at 7:00 p.m. Stations will be on Tuesdays at 5:30, with mass following at 6:00. There will be a communal penance service on March 3, and 13 Hours devotion on March 10-11 in Jesup and Gilbertville with the 2 parish priests taking a night in each parish. Easter Sunday mass will be at 6:30 a.m.

Buildings and Grounds: Craig will take care of the broken pew by the organ. Jamie suggested better lighting be installed at the East side entrance and handicapped entrance/parking lot. Scott will look into this as well as check out the trip hazard at the east door of Reuter Hall.

Looking ahead to expiring Council terms, it looks like we will need to seek at least one replacement.

Motion by Jamie, seconded by Mary, to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Next meeting is TBD.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Winkers, Co-Secretary