

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH
Council Meeting
June 25, 2009

PRESENT: Fr. Terry, Patrick Frank, Carol Pankow, Greg Curin, Dave Trautner, Cory Anderson, Phil Hall, Mary Gronke, David Wollman, Bill Rorig, Mary Ferrini, Leo Borghgraef and Lois Maywald.

EXCUSED: Jack Stotko

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Patrick Frank. Father Terry read from St. Paul and led the opening prayer. Motion was made to approve the minutes from May by Mary Ferrini and seconded by Greg Curin. Pat thanked the retiring members and welcomed the people starting out on the council.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: Father Terry announced that he has been working with Father Andy Nelson on an Adult Formation program, for rediscovering our Catholic identity. They are planning for four presentations, each over four weeks, one to be held in each spring and fall over two years. The topics would be 1) the Nicene Creed, 2) Sacraments, 3) Contemporary Morale Teaching, and 4) Prayer and Spirituality. They are hoping to start by fall of 2009.

PIG ROAST AND RAFFLE: Father Terry then brought up the Pig Roast and Raffle to be held on September 20th. He mentioned that we are no longer allowed to send the raffle tickets out in the mail. Postcards are being sent out saying “You are invited to St. Francis de Sales’ annual pig roast, raffle, and silent auction.” The back would also say, “Federal and state regulations prohibit raffle sales through the mail. All parishioners are asked to pick up tickets to purchase or sell. Raffle tickets will be available each weekend after masses or in the parish office.” Father Terry said we need people to volunteer to give up some time on the weekends to sell tickets after mass. A sign up sheet was sent around and one will be posted at the church entrance. We will also remind parishioners to pick up tickets to sell.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Father Terry told us that the compressor in the air conditioner in the church blew up. He said a new compressor would cost \$7800 for this 43-year-old system. A brand new unit would cost \$10,995. This would have a five-year warranty and be a more energy efficient unit. A third choice would be not to replace or repair it since we don’t have the money. The fourth option would be to put a notice in the bulletin that we don’t have the money to repair it and ask for donations. Fr. Terry said he would not support spending \$7800 on such an old unit. Leo Borghgraef suggested having a second offering at masses. David Wollman made a motion not to replace it now. Cory Anderson seconded it. The vote was three to not spend the money and four to spend it. Father Terry said he would not take any more money out of the reserves. Mary Gronke made a motion that we make an appeal in the bulletin to the parishioners for funds prior to the purchase of the air conditioner. Greg Curin seconded it. Eight voted yes, one abstained.

The minutes of the Building and Grounds committee meeting were passed around. Father Terry talked about the raccoon problem. They have a person who is live-trapping the raccoons. He has caught about a dozen. The construction of the retaining wall and landscaping at Main and East Street is on hold.

SCHOOL ADVISORY: Teachers were affected by the budget issues. The next meeting won’t be until September.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The expected loss is \$138,000 for the year. We had a very nice collection this past weekend, and we are likely to break even for June. We still have some cash, but it is not earning nearly what it did a year ago. The projection is still for a \$95,000 deficit. We have enrolled more students than expected for the school.

HUMAN CONCERNS: Father Angel will be here tomorrow and be here for the weekend. There will be a 4th of July collection for the food pantry.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: We need to re-establish the committees like Prayer and Worship and other sub-committees.

PARISH LIFE: The rummage sale brought in about \$4500. Phil Hall indicated that the Home and School used to participate in the rummage sale, but they dropped out because they didn't think it was worth all of the work. They used to split the profits with the church. There was discussion on whether or not it was worthwhile doing it again next year.

ROUND TABLE: David Trautner suggested that we put a link in the Webpage to the minutes. Bill Rorig said we used to put the minutes in the bulletin. Pat Frank said the Webpage needs to be promoted and the minutes should be there in addition to the bulletin.

The next meeting will be August 27th. Leo Borghgraef will do opening and closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 by Patrick Frank.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Maywald
Recording Secretary