

St. Anthony's Parish Council Minutes November 21st, 2011

Present:

Fr. Jim, Theresa White, Pattie Grise, Donna Roof, Judy Granich, Bud Brachmann, , Wayne Ames, Frank Zeffiro, Steve Csati, Sharon Valites, George Cordia, Brett Klaczyk.

Meeting opened with a prayer .

Review/Approval of the Minutes:

The October 2011 minutes were approved as written.

Comments from Father Jim:

Window replacement in rectory is being completed.

Bathtub in rectory is being re-glazed.

Preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations.

Suggested revised mass schedule for Christmas weekend. Masses to be held Saturday @ 4 PM, Midnite, and 10:30 AM on Sunday.

Committee Reports:

Religious Education: Theresa White

Safe Environment classes are completed.

No classes are scheduled for the Thanksgiving Weekend.

Program is still in need of 6th grade teacher.

Youth Ministry: Judy Granich

Thanksgiving mass preparations with youth are made

Halloween Dance on October 29th went very well. About 140 kids participated and over \$900 was raised to benefit Crisis Services.

Food & Toy Drive currently underway and continuing through December 4th. The Youth Ministry students will wrap gifts and separate food items that evening during class.

Safe Environment classes are completed.

Family Liturgy : Theresa White

4th Grade participation in the November 6th mass went well.

2nd Grade will be participating in the December 4th mass.

Barn Mass preparations are in progress. Barn Mass will be on Friday, December 9th.

Liturgy Committee – Donna Roof

Currently preparing for Thanksgiving Mass.

On Friday after Thanksgiving, church will be decorated for advent season.

Decorating church for Christmas will be done on December 18th.

Patty Grise will water poinsettias while Donna is out of town.

Mitten Tree will be put up this Saturday, November 26th.

RCIA: Tiffany Bauer

No Report.

Spiritual Life: Marcia Ernst

Patty G. reported meeting held last week was productive.

Projects for Lent are being developed. A “**Soup, Bread & Stations**” night is being planned.

Open to all parishioners. Looking for parishioner’s to bring meatless soup dishes.

Lenten Penance service scheduled for Monday evening, March 12th.

Adult Faith Formation: Pat Grise

“**Gift of the Eucharist**” presentation on November 14th was successful. Confirmation class in attendance was interactive and participated respectfully.

Research is being done on a “**The Mass Broken Open**” presentation. For this event, a commentator explains the parts of the mass as they are happening. Similar to Teaching mass, but different. Possibly can have it during Lent.

Setting up a presentation for adults on the sacrament of Penance to be held in February.

Deacon Gary would be presenter.

Next meeting to be held after holidays..

Financial: Father Jim

No Report

Social Life: George Cordia

No events on current calendar.

Discussion held on possible future fund raising events to replace Pig Roast. A 50/50 raffle or Spaghetti Dinner were discussed.

Colleen Schaeffer is working another family night. Possibly to be held before Christmas or maybe sometime in January. To be announced.

Scouts: Wayne Ames

Troop is doing well. Just completed Farm Mechanics Merit badge. Citizenship merit badge to be worked on next.

Bake Sale raised \$480.

Troop is going bowling on November 29th.

Eagle project to build shelving in church closets being developed.

Music Ministry: Sharon Valites

Bud Brachmann reported the mass music changes are complete.

Sharon V. reported that the Mike Cerabone is putting up the sound panels. 2 are done so far.

Christmas Youth Orchestra is being recruited.

Ministry for the Disabled: Sharon Valites

Catholic newspaper published interesting article on Down’s Syndrome. It is noteworthy that it was written by a St. Anthony summer parishioner - GERALYN SPIESZ.

Youth Representatives: Brett Klyczek and Maria Busch

Brett reported that Christmas Music Youth group is being organized and the Haloween Dance was a big success.

Respect for Life: Pat Grise:

Meeting was held on November 15th.

Respect Life retreat received good publicity in Penny Saver and Observer.

“National Night of Prayer for Life“ on December 8th. Liturgy starting at 7:00 PM.

“Rosary for Life” to be held on January 22nd on anniversary of Roe v. Wade decision.

Next meeting scheduled for December 12th.

Building & Grounds: Jim Hooge

No report

Pathways to Parish Vitality: Bud Brachmann

Mission Statement and Parish Description were developed for website and approved by council.

Mission Statement – We are a welcoming family whose mission is to spread the teachings of Jesus by living his example and sharing his love in service to others.

Parish Description – Come to St. Anthony’s where you will experience warm and welcoming fellowship in a Christ-centered Catholic community. We invite you to participate in family focused spiritual and social gatherings. We provide opportunities for spiritual growth of adults, as well as children. We invite you to live out the message of Jesus to “Love one another” by reaching out and assisting those in need in our community and world. We are a small, spirit filled community with a big heart. We look forward to welcoming you to our family!

Church motto is still being refined.

Discussion held on incorporating Wi-Fi internet capabilities at church. Research to be done on cost of wireless router and encrypted security for limited usage.

New Business / Concerns from the Group:

Discussion held on use of fund raising monies for youth groups. Interest expressed to use a percentage of money raised for tangible items at St. Anthony’s.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 9th, at 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted: Frank J. Zeffiro