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Parish Council Minutes February 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nathan Wanstrath at 7:00 PM.

Attendance:

Fr. Randy Summers, Chairperson Nathan Wanstrath, Secretary Kevin Chaffee, Jason Burlage, Janet Hansen, Kelly Poltrack, and Mary Jo Wuestefeld.

Opening Prayer:

The opening prayer was given by Mary Jo Wuestefeld.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Janet Hansen and seconded by Fr. Randy to approve the minutes. A copy of the minutes has been placed in the binder in the back of church and emailed to the parish secretary.

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Randy updated the council on the status of the boiler (HVAC) project. The finance committee is working on funding options.

New Business:

Fr. Randy would like to have some social events during Lent. One event that was discussed was a fish fry on Ash Wednesday and possibly on other Fridays during Lent. Several people felt Friday fish dinners would conflict with the K of C scheduled fish dinners and may not be well attended. Another potential event would be to have the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings followed by entertainment in the school afterwards. These ideas will be forwarded to Parish Life.

Nathan discussed parish elections scheduled for May. He will run notices in the bulletin for nominations. There will be one opening for a 3-year term beginning June 21, 2011 to fill Doug Amberger's position. The school commission is also seeking 3 new members. If anyone knows someone who would have an interest in these positions, please pass it on to them.

Reports:

The reports were sent out prior to the meeting to all council and committee members for review. The reports were briefly discussed and enclosed and made a part of these minutes.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

Staff Reports:

None

Closing Prayer:

The closing prayer was lead by Fr. Randy.

February 15, 2011

To: St. Louis Church Parish Council
From: Jason Burlage, Finance Committee Chairperson
Re: Finance Committee Update

Year to Date Financial Update

Through January, St. Louis revenues were \$2.216M, and are \$300k above plan, driven by a onetime \$300k donation. Expenses were \$1.586M, \$58k below plan, for a net of \$361k ahead of our plan, which is \$3k ahead of December YTD results.

Finance Committee Update

HVAC

Financing options are being explored (in Father Randy's report).

The annual budgeting process will begin in March, which will include notification on school tuition.

Parish Life / Christian Services Report
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Our only activity since my last report was to assist the PTO with the Fellowship (coffee & donuts) after the Masses on Jan. 30th. There was very good attendance for this event.

We are withdrawing our bulletin insert requesting new members as we have not received any responses to date. Since one of our current members is withdrawing due to job responsibilities, we will definitely need to work at finding new committee members.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 17th.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Mattucci

Development Report
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Got estimates and applied to Kroger Foundation for \$2500.00 for electrical panels in the school.

Sending out second Annual Fund request next week—just to parishioners who haven't responded to first letter.

Receiving much more than normal in Tuition Angel account from memorials. Responding with thank you notes from school to those which come directly to us---Funeral home and newspapers helping

Sent advertising to newspapers, radio stations, deanery parish bulletins and surrounding area bulletins for Super Sunday Bingo.

Attending webinars and planning ahead for Capitol Campaign

School Commission Update for 2/15/11

- Member Turnover
 - Traci Rowlett resigned from School Commission. Rather than filling 2 spots this spring we will look for 3 new members. Members do not have to have kids in the school. If you know of anyone who would be interested in serving on School Commission please encourage them to speak to a School Commission member.
 - Heidi Shenk resigned as PTO VP. They are looking for someone to take over as VP for the remainder of the year and President for next year.
- Catholic Identity
 - Made cards for wounded veterans and valentines cards for soldiers.
 - Catholic Schools Week was partially snowed out. Parent class visits and parent/student lunch will be made up this week. Italian night was canceled.
- Finance
 - Discussed why the HVAC project is necessary. We are awaiting the outcome of HVAC decision to figure out how it will affect school and if any preparations need to be made.
 - 2011/2012 tuition must be set in time for School Registration.
- Recruitment and Retention Committee:
 - Will be placing explanations to some of the questions brought up in the survey in the SLS Update.
 - Continue to place “Why I send my child to SLS” testimonials in the bulletin and in posters around school.
 - Working with school to assist with Kindergarten Open House to meet with parents of prospective students and ensure we promote the school.
- Athletic Committee:
 - Girls 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade basketball seasons underway.
- PTO:
 - Pizza sale is ongoing and candy sale will take place soon.
- Miscellaneous:
 - SLS student had top score on OA placement test. This is the 3rd time in past 4 years a St. Louis student has had the top score.
 - Mrs. Reer’s reading classes won Classroom of the Month
 - Very Busy Preschool Open House
 - Nicholas Back will represent SLS at the Cincinnati Regional Spelling Bee
 - SLS will have kids taking part in welcoming the judges for Batesville’s Stellar City campaign.