

St. Thomas Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting
February 16, 2017
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS:

Father Mariusz Majewski: Pastor
Ellen Jaeger: President (via phone)
Joe Dahmen: Vice-President
Pat Lenz: Recording Secretary

Robert Valencia
Dixie Reid (not present)
Andy Finney (not present)

Opening Prayer: Father Mariusz
Ellen called the meeting to order.

Minutes were read and approved from the previous meeting with a motion from Pat Lenz and a second from Joe Dahmen.

Liturgy Committee: Father Mariusz

Father reported all is going well in regards to liturgy. Various items were addressed including:

- Stations of the Cross have been scheduled on Fridays with a variety of groups volunteering to lead.
- New black robes were purchased for the altar servers.
- Sheila Woods who creates the schedule for the lectors and extraordinary ministers might be stepping down from her position.
- Robert reported that he attended the Men's Catholic Conference in Boise. It was a very spiritual and invigorating experience. He would like to see more attendance from the parishioners in our parish.

Social/Hospitality Committee: Ellen Jaeger and Robert Valencia

There will be a Dynamic Catholic presentation on May 6th at St. Thomas. Fifty tickets are available for our parish. Dianna Decker and Carol White are the contact people to purchase tickets. Robert also reported that the plans for the summer picnic are underway. It is scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd at City Park.

Building Committee: Pat Lenz and Father Mariusz

Jeff Clay received a positive evaluation from the building committee. Currently, the building committee is committed to working on their 5-Year plan with ongoing maintenance also being addressed. The committee will be meeting once a month with Jeff in attendance to bring insight to current parish needs.

Religious & Adult Education: Joe Dahmen

Joe submitted an update regarding the activities of the Religious Education. Highlights of the report are as follows:

- A Bible Study on the Book of Matthew will begin March 8 & 9th
- HFCS's second grade First Reconciliation was held at St. Pius
- Holy Hour and confessions scheduled continue each Tuesday from 7-8 p.m. with a Catholicism video series following in the Mission House
- Sister Mary Eucharista will speak after masses on April 1st with the main topic being vocations.
- RCIA has almost completed learning about grace and the sacraments. Prayer will be the next component addressed.

Legacy Moves Forward: Ellen Jaeger and Joe Dahmen

Ellen reported that the \$500,000 mark in cash pledges will be achieved this week. The campaign is doing well with many parishioners participating. Seven-hundred seventy-thousand in cash is needed for construction to begin. There is an ongoing effort to retain a celebrity individual/group for the summer event planned at the Hagadone's residence.

Other and New Business:

- Joe reported that HFCS car raffle is ongoing. The raffle will take place at the HFCS Auction on Saturday, March 18th.
- Father reported on an upcoming raffle for vocations...stay tuned.
- Next meeting will be March 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Mission House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Lenz
Parish Recording Secretary