

EPIPHANY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Nov. 10, 2009 – 8:40 – Meeting Room

Members Present: Robert Breitbach, Amy DeRaad, Mary Beth Ineson, Mike Kraft, Mike Lentz, Bob Mueffelman, Alan Savage, Steve Sorsen, Tim Sullivan, Emey Vaillancourt, Fr. Zehren, Mary Zielinski

CHAIR'S REPORT – Amy DeRaad:

- The minutes of the October meeting have been approved with changes. Amy will be sending them out to all the commissions.
- She introduced Mary Ann Arnold as the new minute taker for the Parish Council meetings.
- Amy passed around a sign-up sheet for manning the Ministry Fair tables. A map was requested that delineated where individual ministries' tables would be located. Each ministry will have half the length of an 8' table.
- Anne Phillips is the new Music Director for our parish

OPEN MIC:

Terri and Greg Phillippi will be in charge of Springfest in 2010. The committee is evaluating the possibility of moving the silent auction to another time during the year. The Community Life Commission has approved this proposed change. The silent auction requires of a lot of volunteer hours and laborious tasks. It is felt that this event would be more manageable if this was treated as a sole venture and not part of another parish event. Many parishes hold their Silent Auction on an evening with a dinner. One of the benefits of this type of event would be that people will simply take their auction item home with them at the end of the evening. One of the concerns voiced was whether the parish could handle another event in any given year. It was also felt that a quick decision on this change needs to happen so the planning could occur. The Silent Auction requires at least a 9 month planning period to insure success.

There is a November 17 meeting set to review Springfest for 2010. They will be addressing such topics as security, how to insure an event that is family friendly and any replacement activities that will be needed.

OPERATIONS – Mike Kraft:

They spent the majority of the time on the Ministry Fair. They also discussed the boiler issue and a plan to visit other similar parishes with the possibility of learning ways to address the issues that arise because of the age of our property.

PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH – Steve Sorsen:

They are ready for the Ministry Fair and have requested a copy of the list of people who express interest in helping. There is still some concern on the issue of follow-up for all turned-in forms. The list will be available the first week of January and will be distributed to the Commission Chairs.

LITURGY – Amy DeRaad:

The committee spent their time on planning Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas liturgies. Epiphany will conduct a second 4:00 Mass in the gym for Christmas. This was very well received last year.

Father Zehren:

There will be an all school Mass on November 24 which will include the first visit to our parish by Archbishop Nienstedt.

STEWARDSHIP – Mary Beth Ineson:

- The Commission spent time on preparing for the Ministry fair. They also reviewed a video that will play that day.
- They discussed some changes in processing the stewardship forms when they are returned. They are planning to call every person who responds to insure there is follow-up.
- Time was spent on ways to get more people involved in Mass and prayer, which is one of their major goals

EDUCATION – Mary Zielinski:

- Interfaith Hospitality is considering Epiphany Parish as one of the host parishes that will house people with low incomes. Our role would be to supply food and beds at night. Six churches have already signed up for the Anoka Program.
- Work is being accomplished on a faith formation questionnaire that reviews curriculum and the needs of the parish.
- Epiphany School accreditation is complete. All areas were met and two comments were made. They found our parish faith formation and school work well together and are pleased with Fr. Zehren's presence in the school.

COMMUNITY LIFE – Emey Vaillancourt:

- The tailgating party was a big success and attendance was doubled. They plan to host this event again in 2010.
- There are 3 people who will need to be replaced on the Bazaar Committee for next year. This year's Bazaar was the highest grossing so far.
- November 5 - Five churches will participate in an Ecumenical prayer service.
- Dec. 9 - There will be a cookie exchange.

FINANCE – Alan Savage:

The Commission spent most of the time with the auditors. They are requesting a full report be issued in December. There is some growth opportunity in the gift shop, as well as the need for an update on the record keeping. The parish financial position is good and they wish to thank the staff for their support and hard work.

BUDGET AND STAFFING – Mike Lentz:

Mike encouraged people to use the newsletter as a means of getting information to our parish homes on all of our ministries. He would appreciate new input on this vehicle.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on December 8 immediately following the 6:00 pm Mass. The Council will meet at 8:15 with two new business items – updated audit report and an update on the 2009 State Fair diner.