

EPIPHANY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

April 13, 2010 – 8:30 pm – Meeting Room

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

Members absent: Bob Mueffelman

Amy requested that any changes to the March minutes be sent to her this week so she could make the corrections.

The planning meetings on the visioning project have begun. The discussions began with a look at where we want our parish to be when we celebrate our 50 year anniversary. That required a look at where we have been and where we are going. The committee is comprised of Amy DeRaad, Mike Lentz, Steve Sorsen, Tim Sullivan, Fr. Zehren, Mike Lentz, Gail Mikolich, Clyde, Mary Beth Ineson, Terri Willard, Kathy Sullivan and Katie Gerhart.

One suggestion made was to bring in a facilitator and have a larger group take part in this planning process. They would design a meeting to address questions such as what is the structure of our parish leadership and do we continue with this structure or make changes?

One of the challenges of this process is how to generate involvement of new parishioners, as well as not overwhelm people who are already involved. Involving new parishioners brings up the question of how to reach them and get them involved. It will also require those already involved to be open to new outlooks and ideas.

At the planning meetings, several suggestions were made:

- Commissions could hold mandatory meetings in September, December and June and only meet in other months when their work required a meeting.
- The Parish Council would meet in the other months and use the time for visionary ideas.
- Each Commission's membership would also include people from other areas of expertise, not just people interested in that particular Commission work.
- The Chairs of the Commission would continue to be a member of the Council

At this time, everything is up for consideration. There will be financial issues to be looked at, as well as our spirituality principals. Fr. Zehren, Kathy Sullivan, Mike Lentz and Amy DeRaad will begin to contact 8 to 12 people requesting them to be part of this process. August is the month under consideration for this discernment process.

Mike Lentz reported on senior housing. Both Fr. Zehren and Mike sit on the senior housing board. There are several needs in this area, including memory care and competitive changes to their site that could include a social hall, dining hall and exercise space. They also need to continue fund development and are looking at the possibility of hiring a Director of Development. The Board is serious about providing a skilled nursing facility, hopefully by September. They want more nursing and doctor involvement as well. This would require space changes and discussions continue on how to accomplish this.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Pastoral Care and Outreach - Steve Sorsen report on a new ministry that is being looked at for Epiphany parish. The committee is looking at bringing the Family Table to Epiphany. This program would involve providing a free meal once a month to many who are in need of such a service in Anoka County. It is currently being done in multiple parishes. There is a set schedule, so we would know what night each month we would be responsible. There is still a lot of logistics to be worked out.

The Board was in favor of this ministry, but are asking for more details on such matters as cost, how to find volunteers without overburdening the many ministries we already have, and what night and space could be made available. The Committee will continue to research this ministry and will make recommendations to the Council at the May meeting. If all the logistics can be worked out, it is hoped that this new ministry would begin in September.

Liturgy Commission will meet next Tuesday to review Holy Week.

Education commission continued to focus on the vision for their commission, who they are and where they are going.

Operations Commission is working on making the transition from John to Shawn. This will include looking at the role of the Commission and how to operate more effectively.

Community Life Commission did not meet

Stewardship Commission did not meet.

Finance Commission reviewed the Springfest budget. They also looked at a proposal on the 2010/11 budget. There was a caveat on the income and expenditure area concerning a capital campaign. There will be more information coming on next year's budget.

There was some discussion on how to make our parish more physically presence during Springfest. This is a discussion each year but with no definite plans or ideas. A possible booth or kiosk was mentioned that could highlight our many ministries and activities. It was thought that there are many items from the Ministry Faire that could be incorporated. Another suggestion was having an area where parishioners could write small statements on what Epiphany means to them.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on May 11.