

EPIPHANY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 12, 2010 – 8:30 – Meeting Room

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

Members Absent: Bob Mueffelman

CHAIR'S REPORT

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as submitted... Amy requested that participation in dinner prior to the Council meeting be encouraged as a way to build a team atmosphere. A request was also made to advise Amy or Mike ahead of time the number of absent members who will not be present at dinner. This is needed to help Rhonda in preparing the food.

The discernment process for Commissions is beginning. Different models will be looked at and discussions on any changes or revisions that might be necessary. Members are still needed for this Strategic Planning process.

Father Zehren

Father wanted to thank the many volunteers whose time and talent helped provide a wonderful Christmas celebration. From the snow removal team, the liturgical ministers, the helpers on the Christmas baskets and cookies, the participants in the Christmas concert, the music ministers and the ushers to the team that put together the environment, he says God bless you.

SCHOOL MARKETING – Gail Mikolich

Gail presented the new branding effort that is taking place in the school. There is a new letterhead design and an internal committee is prioritizing capital improvements. The goal is to improve the look of the school interior design at minimal cost. Mike Kraft has helped find an interior design person who will work with the committee on these improvements.

Kindergarten round-up was a big success this year. In spite of bad weather, 37 families attended. There were 50 names on the list of possible participants that are current Epiphany families. Folders will be sent home to those who did not attend.

A flyer on Catholic school week will be sent to 4600 households in this area who have children between the age of 3 and 10 and have an annual income of at least \$75,000.

On January 31, hospitality at all the masses will be provided by the PTO. There will be testimonials at the 8:45, 10:30 and 12:00, each one being given by a parent and a child who attends Epiphany school and the presiding priest..

There is a big focus on "The Epiphany Advantage" scheduled for Tuesday, February 2. Fourth and fifth grade parents will be encouraged to attend and listen to a panel of junior high and adult alumni who will talk about the advantages of being at Epiphany through the 8th grade. .

Star Awards will be scheduled in April or May. This is a special time when volunteers and staff are recognized for their help and support. A committee will review all the names of people deserving this award.

SPRINGFEST – Mike Lentz

The committee met with Goldstar and reviewed all the concerns and issues. After much discussion, they all agreed that the main goal of this event is to provide a family friendly weekend experience. To help insure this goal, the following changes will occur at the 2010 SpringFest.

The hours on Friday, May 21 will be 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

The hours on Saturday, May 22 will be 11:00 am to 10:30 pm. Beginning at 6:00 pm there be a cover charge of \$5 for each individual and \$15 maximum for a family. All Epiphany parishioners will receive a free entry coupon with their raffle tickets.

The hours on Sunday, May 23 will be 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The silent auction will remain in SpringFest this year but will be removed next year and will have a separate date for the event. This year all silent auction items not picked up by 4:00 pm on Sunday will be brought to the outside stage where a live auction will be held. This will help eliminate the storage of items that were not picked up.

Goldstar ride tickets will be pre-sold after Masses the three weekends prior to SpringFest at a discounted rate.

PASTORAL CARE AND OUTREACH – Steve Sorsen

They spent time discussing how to get back to the different ministries and find out their needs. There is a great need for Eucharistic ministers for the homebound. Covenant forms are available in the parish office. A question surfaced as to the availability of this form through the Epiphany web site and an answer will be obtained.

OPERATIONS – Mike Kraft

There was no meeting tonight.

LITURGY – Amy DeRaad

The Parish mission will be held on Feb. 21, 22 and 23. A flyer will be send home to every registered family. The Liturgy Commission has begun to prepare for the Lenten season.

FINANCE – Alan Savage

The majority of the meeting was spent on tuition and debt collection. They discussed opportunities for working with families during these hard times and want to establish ways to reach out to families who can't afford tuition.

EDUCATION – Mary Zielinski

Discussed the findings of the Faith Formation staff from their survey of 19 local parishes regarding Faith Formation models and curriculum. This information will be used to guide programming at Epiphany. Catholic schools week activities were reviewed, as well as the school's mid-year strategic plan progress. The parish mission was also discussed.

STEWARDSHIP – Mary Beth Ineson

They reviewed the surveys on the Ministry Fair. They were very positive with some excellent suggestions for areas to improve. The progress on the data entry is slower than expected, and the work won't be finished for another two weeks. Information from the Wichita Diocese will be used as a comparison to how a stewardship program should be run. Our Stewardship program is struggling and we are looking at ways to improve.

COMMUNITY LIFE – Emey Vaillancourt

There was a wrap up on the cookie exchange. The bad weather caused some challenges but another exchange will be held next year with appropriate changes. There is a need to identify new people to handle the SpringFest in 2011. It is hoped that these people will shadow the present leaders of the SpringFest this year to help with the transition.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to personal commitments, Scott Schulte has resigned his role as Member-at-Large to the Parish Council.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on February 9, 2010.