

## **The Church of the Epiphany**

### **Pastoral Council**

Meeting Notes

February 29, 2016

- A. Parish Council meeting notes are now available at the Epiphany website.
- B. Open Mic:
  - 1. The volunteer software being used works really well, but there is a need to make sure substitution requests are getting follow-through. The system is set up to send an email to people requesting substitutes when those requests are fulfilled.
  - 2. Springfest update: The theme is 'Raise the Roof', referring to the sanctuary roof, for which Springfest funds will be allocated. Springfest will be Friday 5/20 and Saturday 5/21 only.
    - a. Please support the raffle. The prize pool has been increased.
    - b. Please get involved, including with sponsorship opportunities
    - c. Come to Springfest, and bring your family and friends
  - 3. Pew Update – Jerry Harper: Diagrams have been created identifying each pew, so if you see a problem you can note the pew on a diagram and put it in the pew repair box. They have recruited a few more volunteers, and hope to do some preventative work.  
The candle 'ministry' is working well, with 3-day candles more popular than the smaller ones.
- C. Teaching Moment: Fr. Mike Schmitz video (available online at [ascensionpresents.com](http://ascensionpresents.com)):  
For Lent, consider Lenten disciplines that work toward purification and bringing us closer to Christ. Look for opportunities for prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- D. Review of Pastoral Council roles:
  - 1. Parishioners can express ideas and concerns
  - 2. Advise the Pastor
  - 3. Spread the vision of the Church and the Pastor.
  - 4. Manage ministries
  - 5. Become more informed Catholics and leaders
- E. Feasibility Study for Capital Campaign: The parish has selected three fundraising firms to interview for developing a capital campaign feasibility study. They will solicit feedback from all parishioners, and will speak directly with larger contributors to determine whether the parish is open to a campaign.  
Fit by 50: The goal was \$4,000,000, including over \$2,000,000 in physical upgrades and around \$1,900,000 in financial objectives. Approximately \$2,600,000 was raised, most of which was used for debt reduction. Money was also spent on roofs.
- F. Web site: The web site is being upgraded, and will be mobile friendly and easier to navigate and update.
- G. Confessional changes: Upgrading the chapel will require relocating the confessionals. The icon chapel is being considered as a new location.  
Will look at whether the choir will disrupt confessions during Mass.  
Parish leaders are asked to consider the leaking roof and other needs when spending priorities are considered.
- H. Columbarium: We could replace the retaining wall around Fr. Reiser's gravesite with a columbarium to house cremains in 165 niches. The cost would be under \$100,000, with total potential revenue of almost \$500,000. Most cemeteries have columbaria. Additional locations

for future columbaria are available in the new cemetery. The project will proceed if enough parishioners express interest after Masses.

- I. The foyer restrooms are almost complete, and look great.
- J. Prolife Action Ministries is offering sidewalk counseling training on March 10.