

Parish Council Meeting

8.14.2016

Opening Prayer:

Stewardship:

The solution is to teach true Christian Stewardship—to **change not just peoples' behavior but also their hearts through the power of Scripture and the Sacraments**. No age group, income level or demographic is exempt from this need. The proper priorities of our time talent and treasure: ***Seek first the Kingdom of God and all this will be given to you.***

- **Evangelization:**

- Sunday Evening I will have an RCIA class after the 5:00 PM Mass when I am here.
 - Ask people to come to that.
 - Planning on coming Sept 11 week
 - Tentatively Planning on coming Oct 2
 - Bishop Chad supposedly is going to Nome that weekend
- Ask parish to pray daily for parish and upcoming building project
- The parish has lots of needs, cleaning, rummage sale, organize religious education materials, basement remodel. I ask people to look at your time and talents to help with these parish needs.
 - What are your talents? Can you spend a few hours during the week to help out.

- **Catechetical Help:**

- Teachers are needed to help teach and witness to the faith

- **Finances:**

- **The chancery is going to do an audit Aug 22 – 26.**
 - They want to get the books on the cloud so that they can reconcile bank statements monthly, quarterly reports are done, and year end reports are completed.
 - Susan Clifton and I will look at what we can do to help with the audit and finances.
 - First, we need to upgrade quickbooks
 - Second, upgrade internet which is being done this week.

- **Technology:**

- New internet connection hopefully complete this week
- New printer ordered (\$200.00)
- Need a new Smart TV 50 inch (\$300.00)

- **Church Building:**

- Ron the insurance adjuster came in July and did a thorough inspection of the damage done by the flood.
 - We decided not to go through with an insurance claim, but do the work ourselves.
 - We will not be able to make a claim against any problems with the last flood as we decided to do the work ourselves.
 - Mold is removed, but lots of dust in the building. Need to thoroughly clean the whole building complex.
- Remodel:
 - Shop is cleaned and somewhat organized
 - Ask that nothing be placed on basement floor unless it is in a waterproof container.
 - Kitchen area is cleaned and ready for paint and dry wall, just need to mop with TSP
 - The pantry area I will work on Monday and Tuesday.
 - If anyone has free time to help please stop by from after 9:00 AM.
 - Need to wire brush floor, sand walls, sweep floors, vacuum floors, mop floors and walls with TSP
 - Once the kitchen is painted and dry-walled, then we need to rebuild the kitchen counters

- **Rummage Sale:**

- Lots of arts and crafts things need to be identified as useful then stored in one place. Rest on sale
- The catechetical resources need to be identified as useful and stored and sell what we don't need.
- A wooden box of new tools needs to be sold or put on rummage sale
- Many other items need to be looked at and either sold or stored properly.

- **Parish wish list:**
 - Recliner, office desk with hutch, office chair, 50" tv, twin size bed frame
- I will plan on coming the 2nd Sunday of every month and stay a week if possible
 - Mass at 11:00 AM on Sunday
 - Mass at 5:00 PM on Sunday for workers
 - Bible study to follow (if you think this works)
 - That Saturday afternoon will be a work day for the parish.

Church Building Project:

- Cindy, Fr. Tom and maybe Matt will meet with Joanna Aug 26 at 11:00AM at her office.
 - If we remodel the church basement would we want to remodel the whole facility?
- **Sell existing Church and rent another building**
 - Due to the high cost of maintenance and also the fuel expense to keep the building heated during winter, it was suggested that we sell the existing building now to save money on those expenditures.
 - If we sell the building now and find another place we could save on fuel costs.
- **New facility**
 - On file we have 3 Plans
 - Plan 4: Lucy's Plan
 - Plan 3: 12:30:13
 - Sandy Huss has a plan.
 - What we need to decide now is:
 - Are we ready to commit to this project?
 - Do our own fundraising to help with this project
 - Prepare for the move by cleaning out existing parish
 - Look for grants and write them for this project
 - Become true stewards of our parish.