

## Holy Family Parish Council Meeting

April 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Steve Peschong at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Conference Center. Attending were Fr Shane Stevens, JP Skelly, Jodi Wilson, Delbert Northrup, Tony Magnuson, Mark McMahon, Cindy Robinson, Valerie Johnson and Audrey Stahl. Absent were Theresa Kriese and Karen Harrington.

The minutes from the March meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes by JP Skelly. Seconded by Johnson. Motion passed.

McMahon reported there was not a Finance Council meeting in March, so nothing to report.

Fr reported on the budget for the Catholic Schools. The teachers will be getting a \$5000 raise to keep us more in line with the public school teachers. Our budget will be tight, but it is in the positive. Starting in the 2016 -2017 school year, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be departmentalized. Reading, Spelling and home room will be taught by the home room teacher. The other subjects will be taught by teachers who have strength in that particular subject. This will help get the students prepared for the middle school. This will also give the teachers more flexibility in helping students and can focus more on their subjects. There are 2 teachers retiring at the end of the school year. We are advertising to hire a new music teacher. The catholic schools have been very competitive in the music department with the public schools. Our students work hard and it shows as our students' progress to post 6<sup>th</sup> grade education.

North and South sacristies are near completion. We are waiting for the wooden cabinets to be completed. There will be training for the Eucharistic ministers, Lectors, Mass servers, etc. after completion of the sacristies. The parish secretary is looking at an internet program to set up a scheduling program for all the different volunteer positions. The Council toured the sacristies.

The permits are granted for the Old Rectory to be demolished. Schoenfelder Construction will be doing the demolition. The woodwork has been removed from the old rectory.

The new music director, Nigel McBain has received his Visa. We are waiting for his passport. He has started moving some of his things and is hoping to be here by month-end. He is from Australia.

Father reported that Chris Lemmer will be in charge of K-6 faith formation. Nigel McBain will be in charge of the RCIA/Adult Education, as he not only has a music background but one in Theology, too. Holy Family and Holy Spirit will hire someone to take the ministry for grades 7-12. Holy Family will pick up 60% and Holy Spirit will pick up 40% of the salary. This will be a full time position. The youth minister will be in charge of fun activities, but will also be teaching religion, comradery with fellow classmates and will have the students involved in community service. Fr Stevens would like to see a Youth/Discipleship Council from both parishes, which would include parents and youth. The youth minister would work with the Council.

Fr talked about the space that will be available once the rectory is torn down. Fr would propose giving thought to a new parish hall. The hall would have a commercial kitchen and enough seating for weddings, funerals, etc. The church basement could be used for storage and a portion of it for a possible smaller meeting area. The concern for the basement being used for weddings, funerals, etc is, if there was ever an emergency, it would be difficult to get everyone out safely. Fr suggested sending out a survey asking parishioners what they see our needs are for the parish and why. There is a genuine consensus that we should proceed with investigating the possibility of a new hall and what it may look like. The buildings and grounds committee will draw up some preliminary plans and a committee will be formed. Also, another topic for discussion was the gymnasium attached to the Knights of Columbus hall.

Steve Peschong brought up the fact that we don't receive both body and blood for communion. Fr said that we are receiving both, the body and blood, in one form. There is also a practical reason with the purification of the wine chalice and also the shortage of Eucharistic Ministers. There are several other area churches that receive both in one form.

Wilson said she heard the concern that First Communion was too informal. The students and parents went to communion at the same time as the rest of the parishioners. Next year, there will be one first communion Mass for all the communicants. The students will walk in together, have a reception, get their pictures taken and have their special day.

Holy Family renewed the contract with Our Sunday Visitor for printing our weekly envelopes. An envelope will be added for the Catholic Schools and one for All Souls Day. Parishioners can also sign up for automatic deductions for their tithing. The Church bulletins can be read on Holy Family's website at [www.holyfamilymitchell.com](http://www.holyfamilymitchell.com).

Next meeting will be on May 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Stahl  
Secretary