

Tri Parish Council Meeting
May 26, 2015; 7pm at St. Aloysius Church, Elba
Minutes

1. Call to Order: Fr Kurt introduced our guest Marsha Stenzel and called the meeting to order and led the group in prayer.
2. Roll Call:
 - a. St. Charles: Joan Pollema, Marilyn McGuire, Diane LeClair, David Kramer, Alma Chavez, Dale Hinckley, Charlie Meyer,
 - b. St. Aloysius: Deb Heim, Cathy Schleck, Sue Mathison, Julie Buehler
 - c. Holy Redeemer: Mary Matzke, Rita Kullot & Kathy Schumann
 - d. Staff: Fr. Kurt Farrell, Becky Storey Hunder
3. Special Guest: Marsha Stenzel was on hand to give information and answer questions on the Pre School at St. Charles Borromeo. The St. Charles Community Pre School (SCCPS) rents classroom space from St. Charles Borromeo. Discussion and review of the lease has been brought up due to the resignation of the schools head teacher, Marcia Miholivic. Her resignation brought up some concerns that Fr Kurt wanted to share with the council and to have a plan of action. Marsha informed the group that first thing that should be looked at is that all of the legal parts to having a preschool are in place. A lease, insurance and registering with DHS. Becky will email a copy of the lease to Marsha and Pete will get copies of the insurance to Becky to send to Marsha. Marsha noted that the State is looking at having all day everyday preschool, but has not been voted in yet. If it is enacted the status of any preschool would be questionable. Discussion then turned to the relationship between the school and the church. Since Fr Kurt came to St. Charles he has allowed the Preschool to remain, mainly because of his confidence in Marcia Miholivic and her curriculum that supports Catholic principles. To protect the church he wants to be able to ensure that any actions the Preschool takes would continue to support Catholic principles. Because the Preschool can hire and put into place any curriculum they see fit, he wants us to have some recourse if something were to change. Taking time now to discuss real issues and concerns will only make the relationship better.

Some points made during the councils discussion:

- a. Preschool is a good thing for St. Charles Borromeo, it is stable and helps our parish be active and visible to the community.
- b. Preschool can accommodate up to 60 students and they have 50 registered for next year already.
- c. Would like to have an agreement that follows Catholic Teaching and Values. An example would be upholding the teaching that marriage is between a man and a woman. What would happen if the preschool hired someone who was gay and started teaching or sharing things that were contrary to the Catholic Teaching? Our Catholic Faith calls us to stand on the teachings of Christ. Although the Church cannot dictate to the school on their hiring procedures they still would like to see the school enact some sort of agreement like a moral clause for new employees.
- d. The preschool representatives understand the concerns of the council and Fr Kurt and mentioned that they are more than willing to help come to an agreement.
- e. There was a suggestion that maybe a clause in the lease saying that the church has the right to give 30 days notice to the school would help protect the church.

Marsha is going to contact Tom Braun (DOW Lawyer) and Ryan Christianson (Catholic Mutual Rep) to get points that we could include in a new lease to help protect the parish.

Fr Kurt asked David Kramer, Greg Feuerhelm, Kathy Schumann & Pete Strand if they would be on a committee together to work on the changes for the lease and come up with an agreement that would meet the goals of both. All 4 agreed, Becky will be in contact with Marsha to get the needed information and then set a date for the committee to meet.

4. Old Business

- a. Springfest: Becky reported that this years festival went well and that people enjoyed having it at the church location.
- b. Resource Rally: Becky reported that it was held on April 26th and that about \$3500 was raised for the Resource Center.
- c. Vision 2016: Becky noted that the next meeting is scheduled for June 24th at St. Charles Borromeo at 6:00pm.

5. New Business:

- a. Picture Directory: Becky reported that sign up for appointments is ongoing and encouraged everyone to spread the word about online sign up or even just calling the office. Phone call reminders for HR and SA will be coming out soon.
- b. Fall Festivals: Fall festival dates are September 13 at St. Aloysius and September 20 at Holy Redeemer. St. Aloysius is hoping to have the dedication of their new Cemetery Altar at the same time. Fr Kurt is trying to line up either Bishop Quinn or Bishop Harrington to do the blessing. Each council is asked to contact Becky if they need any help for their festival.
- c. Cemetery Collections: Every year on Memorial Day weekend a 2nd collection for cemetery upkeep is taken. This year our mission priest from India was here and the 2nd collection was for the Seminary in India. The question to the council was do we want to try to take up a second collection on another weekend? Fr Kurt made a motion to not do the collection this year because the cemeteries seem to be okay for funds. The motion passed.
- d. Finance Report: The TP Finance Councils will be meeting on June 3 to go over Fiscal year end reports and to look at budgets for 2015-2016.
 - i. Diocesan Appeal numbers were updated to the group. To make their goals each church needs to raise the following: SC \$14260; SA \$3590; HR 6190
- e. Building and Grounds Reports:
 - i. St. Charles: Charlie Meyer reported that there was some work done around the bell on the grass and it seems to be growing well. A new chain link fence has been put up at the church for aluminum cans, it looks and holds the cans better than the trailer did. Pavers were put in the ground at the bottom. A sign was donated to the church to accommodate Mass times, it lights up.
 - ii. St. Aloysius: Cemetery is starting work on the new Altar on June 1st.
 - iii. Holy Redeemer: Jim Hobbs reported the following.

The combined Buildings & Grounds Committee and the Holy Redeemer Tri-Parish Council members met on April 16, 2015 for a walk-around evaluation review of the proposed city of Eyota project plans for the Church property. Comments and suggestions were shared with Daren Sikkink, design engineer, on April 17, 2015. Project work will be starting in June.

2. Fire extinguisher inspection will take place soon. Several extinguishers are in need of testing, recharging or replacement.

3. A buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be scheduled in June to address ongoing maintenance and upkeep items.
- f. Faith Formation Report: Becky read report submitted by Nichole Paladie
 - i. Nichole felt that classes ended well this year.
 - ii. Teacher Appreciation is going to be on June 2nd.
 - iii. Testing of students on their prayers went very well this year, students did better than ever!
 - iv. Nichole feels that the teaches we have this year are very strong and committed to their teaching.
 - v. Many summer activities this summer: VBS in Eyota, Totus Tuus at St. Charles, Water Park Trip in August, Steubenville in July and Work camp in July.
- g. Pastors Report: No Report
6. Round Table: Becky asked the council members if there was anything they wanted to share or bring up for a vote:
 - a. St. Charles and St. Aloysius did not have anything to report or share.
 - b. Holy Redeemer: Mary Matzke requested that if the Prayer of St. Michael ever gets reprinted, it would be good to change "Holy Michael" to "St. Michael". Fr Kurt noted that it bothers him too, but we are not going to reprint of the cards at this time.
7. Next Meeting: Becky noted that the next meeting is September 15 at Holy Redeemer; 6:30 prayer and 7:00pm meeting.
8. Motion to adjourn Charlie Meyer; 2nd Marilyn McGuire, motion passed.
9. Council closed with prayer