

October 06, 2014 08:12PM to 09:15PM

Attendees: Laura Abing, Del Slowik, Steve Dodridge, Jennifer Ohlendorf, Judy Ballard, Eunice Frieseke, Michelle Hansen, Turquoise Welch-Loera, Tom Jozwik, Fr. Larry Chapman, Jim Ewig, Joan Arnett

Opening prayer led by Laura

Formal introductions of all pastoral council

Review of September 02 Minutes – Laura motioned to approve with corrections, Turquoise seconded the option.

Committee Reports

Human Concerns

Judy reported there were discussions to determine if food should continue to be directed to St Cate's food pantry rather than Reformation Lutheran food pantry.

Bundle Sunday in a conjunction with St Cate's will be held October 19 at 9AM.

Faith Formation

Jen reported that registrations are a bit up from last year. There are 31 recon/communion students. Confirmation prep is currently occurring with St Cate's. Ed Duncklee is requesting that any family that received a fee waiver participates in purchase of scrip to help offset costs.

Prayer and Worship

Tom reported there was no meeting since August. Next meeting scheduled on 10/21.

Education

Steve reported enrollment is down from 341 to 322. Discussion whether school should increase the number of choice students. Currently school is 50% choice. Main concern of raising the percent of choice students is that the school may start to lose it's Catholic identity. Currently there are 13-17 applicants on choice waiting list. Magazine sale is the 2nd biggest fund raisers, but net profits have gone down.

Stewardship

Turquoise reported the

- Committee has no budget, but would like to have budget.
- Committee is strong with "time and talents" aspect of stewardship, but they have a need for strong member with experience in fund raising.
- Planning of the outdoor mass was thoroughly addressed. Carole to help focus the committee going forward.
- Faith Formation will plan fund raisers with Stewardship. One idea includes a walking tour for a charge was an idea.

Finance

Michelle reported Roof is complete and came in under budget.

Variance budget – St Seb’s fiscal year runs July through June. Joanne completed variance budget in September which show a 48K deficit. Possible deficit solutions include a) increase the percent of choice students. b) decrease staff. The school staff may also be polled on ideas of how to close deficit amount. Carole is looking for candidates to discuss/share stewardship in their lives in hopes of increasing contributions. Norm stated Committee is looking for council’s recommendation on increase choice, increase contributions, or cut costs.

Building and Grounds

Jim reported – Minutes were not in hand at time of this meeting. Will need to report at next meeting.

Communications

Laura reported website did not go live on week of Sept 1, but is live now.
Barb Haig is going to be holding training sessions on how to post to site.
Committee is gathering names to participate in upcoming training sessions

Mission Statement

Jen reported No update.

Pastor Report

Nothing new to add

Joan consider joining the council

Auction raised 21K.

Del to work with Carole and Patrick Schley to move the Pastoral Council site from Yahoo to Google.

Synod results tabled

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Ewig