

St. Anthony Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2009

I. The meeting of the St. Anthony Parish Pastoral Council was called to order at 8:00p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Father led the Council in prayer.

II. Roll was taken. All members were in attendance with the exception of Elmer Goebel and Gerald Heinen. Marlene Ramacher was excused. Also attending were Kim Fish, parish secretary and Ralph Stich, maintenance.

III. Old Business

A. Mass Schedule Signs: An estimate was received from Signco for a display sign for the Mass times, etc. This company has created signs for many other area churches. The price of approximately \$3200 includes poles and mounting, interchangeable letters, a key lock, and lights. This price was within the range of another company checked. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Signco bid and proceed with installation. A request will be made for donations from parishioners as well as the Holy Name and Christian Mothers and Women Societies.

IV. New Business

A. Playground Equipment: A suggestion was made to a council member asking if we could possibly do some fundraising as a parish to purchase some new playground equipment. The slide is very unsafe and some children have been injured in the past. It was decided that the old slide would be removed and members will look into various fundraising activities to raise money for new equipment.

B. Landscaping: Now that the ground has had time to settle from the installation of the septic system, we can move forward with the rest of the landscaping and grass planting. A few of the evergreen trees will be removed from the east side of the church and the ground will be better sloped to allow water to run away from the church rather than to the church and into the basement.

C. Usher Training: A meeting will be organized for all current ushers, as well as anyone wishing to become an usher, to help them to better assist at Masses. With the need to often set up folding chairs, look for seating for incoming attendees, and smoothly and efficiently guide those receiving communion, it is necessary that we have a good standard procedure for all ushers to follow.

D. 2010 Good Friday Service: We have been very fortunate these past few years that we were able to have a priest come to St. Anthony to do a Good Friday Service. For the upcoming Service in 2010, Father would like to combine St. Anthony and Seven Dolors to have just one Service. This will most likely be at Seven Dolors, since we will need a large worship space.

E. Holy Family School Investment: Since St. Anthony and Seven Dolors have established a partnership and are working cooperatively to provide faith and education to parishioners, members of St. Anthony who wish to send students to Holy Family will begin to pay the same tuition rate as Seven Dolors members, rather than the "Out of Parish" fee. With this, St. Anthony will also contribute a flat rate annually to the operating expense of the Holy Family School, rather than pay a per student contribution to the school as in the past. We are working towards becoming one church with two worship spaces. We have two beautiful churches that Father and parishioners would like to keep open by working together as partners in faith.

F. Financial Reports: The April Income/Expense Report was passed out at the meeting. No questions arose.

V. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:15 p.m.

These minutes stand as temporary, until approved at the next meeting.

Joyce Rehkamp