

St. Ann's Parish Council Minutes
May 13, 2008

1. Meeting was called to order by President Kelly Greenleaf at 7:05 PM.
 - 1.1 Opening prayer was led by Father Parlette.
 - 1.2 Roll was taken by Secretary Inez Tobin.
 - 1.3 Agenda was approved with one addition.
 - 1.4 No meeting was held in March. January minutes were approved by council.
2. Special Presentations
 - 2.1 Election for New Members – The election process for new parish council members will be started on the weekend of May 31st. Cards will be passed out to all parishioners wishing to nominate a candidate for the parish council. Judy Loussaert and John Selby volunteered to be on the nominating committee.
 - 2.2 Parish Festival – No one has volunteered to serve as chairman for the fall festival. The call for a volunteer has been in the bulletin for several weeks. The new council in July will discuss ideas for a fall event.
 - 2.3 Commission Reports
 - i) Faith Formation – Confirmation is on May 17th at the 5:15 Mass. Vacation Bible School is registering students right now. The theme is “Power Lab” and is being held June 16 – 20. Mass honoring our high school seniors will be May 25th at the 10:30 Mass. The survey concerning Pre/K Faith Formation classes netted 43 responses. 28 responses supported the current program, so it will be continued the same this fall. The nursery survey had 12 responses. More complete information about these surveys can be found in the May 18th bulletin.
 - ii) Liturgy – This fall they will be reviewing postures and gestures that the congregation should be doing during Mass. Parishioners will be given reminders of what is now proper during Mass.
 - iii) Family Life – They are trying to communicate with Al Rus to possibly set up a golf outing as a fundraiser for the food pantry.
 - iv) Social Action – No report
 - v) Building and Grounds – Clean up day was the first week of April. The shrine area will still be done by the Boy Scouts but the weather has hindered progress so far. The commission served breakfast and it went very well.
 - vi) Stewardship – Rosaries were handed out during Lent. They are thinking of putting together a book sale with books focusing on prayers and reflections. Any ideas are encouraged. They also trained RCIA members on the subject of stewardship.
 - vii) Finance – There has been an improvement with our finances. More money will need to be built into the budget for hiring our professional staff. The parish has almost made our Annual Diocesan Appeal assessment. We are doing well with the building fund. The bank reduced the percentage rate by ½ of a percent. More money is going into paying the principal now than interest.
 - 2.4 New Personnel – We were given an update on new hiring of church staff. Dwight Gittings has been hired as our maintenance person. Sally Schultz has been hired as our new music director. She will be starting by the end of May. Applicants are being interviewed for positions of Youth Ministry, Adult Ministry, K-6 Coordinator and Sacramental Educator. These positions are needed to be filled for this fall.

There will be an appreciation reception for our Faith Formation ministers; Ann Mohr, Pat Siemsen and Maggie Liske on June 1st after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses.
3. Old Business
 - 3.1 Breakfast – Family Life commission will be hosting a breakfast in June.
 - 3.2 Thank you's – None
4. Closing – Closing prayer was led by Father Parlette and meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Next meeting will be July 8th.