

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jeremiah Costello at 7:06pm
  - 1.1. Opening Prayer was said
  - 1.2. Roll was taken by Vice President Christine Cauwels
  - 1.3. Approval of last meeting's minutes with no amendments
  - 1.4. The agenda was approved with no changes.
  
2. New Business and Commission/Team Reports
  - 2.1. Commission/Team Reports
    - 2.1.1. Building & Grounds – Clean up on April 9<sup>th</sup> went well. There is still some work to be completed.
    - 2.1.2. Church Life/Family Life – There will be a Mother/Daughter Dinner on Wednesday, May 5, 6-7:30PM in the Great Hall. It will be a salad potluck, with the commission providing beverages and dessert (cake). No cost, but reservations are preferred. They will again be hosting a Father's Day pork sandwich cook out. Fathers all receive a free sandwich – everyone else pays \$3. This will be held after the Sunday Masses on Father's Day (June 19).
    - 2.1.3. Liturgy – meeting will be Thursday, April 14. Getting ready for Easter and 2 Confirmations. There was a very positive response to decoration of Church for Lent. There are plans for decorating the Church for the Easter season as well.
    - 2.1.4. Stewardship – Looking for new members. There have not been new members since 2004.
    - 2.1.5. Finance – Working on formalizing the endowment process. Bank accounts are in healthy situation. The budget will be completed by June.
    - 2.1.6. Faith Formation – Susan has moved to Wisconsin, and ads for the position will be in the Messenger. Many people have stepped forward to keep the programs running until a replacement is found. We are looking for someone with experience and enthusiasm to work with kids, parents, and families. Goal is to have someone in place by July 1. Confirmation students and HS Seniors have expressed an interest in more FF opportunities. Next year Jr. High and Sr. High will meet every Wednesday. "Strong Catholic Families, Strong Catholic Youth" is a new program (about how you can't have Strong Catholic Youth without Strong Catholic Families) that provides cradle to grave faith formation.
    - 2.1.7. Social Action – group is forming; has not started yet.
    - 2.1.8. Guild – Set dates for upcoming events. Contributed money toward window treatments. Selling cookbooks.
  
3. Mission statement Review – deferred to next meeting.
4. Bylaws – broken into sections to be reviewed at next meeting.

5. Names for Endowment – Diocese raised questions about Endowment that led the Finance Council to consider new possibilities for administering/structuring the Endowment. Looking into setting up our endowment with Christian Brothers. Goal is to have a plan for how to proceed by this summer.
6. New member mentoring group – Diana and Julie formed a sub-committee to design a plan.
7. Pastor information, concerns & questions – Lenten letter seems to have made an impact. There have been some people who have returned to Church as a result of someone reaching out to them. Discussion about evangelization and growth in faith opportunities. Goal is to start a young couples program by end of summer as well as Strong Families, Strong Youth program. Confirmation on Saturday, April 16 for young people. Confirmation for Special Needs adults will be on Pentecost Sunday at 10:30.
8. Other Business
  - 8.1. Update on Diocesan Planning meetings – A lot of discussion about Catholic schools, because 4 of parishes in our group have schools. There will be 6 priests for 5 parishes, so discussion about what 6<sup>th</sup> priest's role would be. Mass schedules were also discussed. Next meeting will be May 4 at St. Paul's.
  - 8.2. Election of Parish Council members – Nomination form was in bulletin. They are due by May 8. Election will be June 12 (Pentecost). Diana, Julie, and Jeremiah will be election committee.
9. Old Business – none
10. Thank You's – none
11. Closing Prayer – led by Msgr. Drake Shafer
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be May 10.