

**Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Parish Advisory Council
Minutes Meeting of 4 March 2015**

Call to order: 6:34pm

Opening prayer – Fr. Mark followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: C Briggs, J Hay, G Lafontaine, R Lataille, R Paris, B Petrie, F Petrowski, S Wengloski, B Wengloski (Trustee), Fr. Mark. Also present Parishioners: Rose Bessette (left at 7:36pm), Ann Sheedy (left at 7:36pm). Excused: J Grecki, Fr. Benjamin.

Motion to accept minutes of the 1/07/2015 meeting made by C Briggs, second by R Lataille. Passed unanimously, with B Petrie & J Hay abstaining.

Parishioner Input: Motion by C Briggs, second by B Petrie to move 7d Strategic Planning Committee before 5. Parishioner Input. Passed unanimously.

7d. Strategic Planning Committee: Carole Briggs, Rose Bessette, and Ann Sheedy were present to discuss progress to date with the Strategic Planning Committee. Discussed their long range planning ideas for focus group meetings and the survey. A copy of their proposal is filed with these minutes. Points were reviewed and discussed. Fr. Mark deleted points 1 & 2 under ministry, stewardship & outreach. Points 2 & 8 under education. Gregg Lafontaine & Betsy suggested that the SPC committee look at the summary report the Yoking Committee compiled several years ago. Fr. Mark thanked the members of the SPC Committee for their hard work. He gave an over view of priest assignments in our Deanery and emphasized that it is only a matter of time before we have only one priest at St. Francis & St. Andrew. It is important to remember that many of our priests are over retirement age, very close to retirement age, come from religious orders or not incardinated and can be called back to their countries or orders. The SPC Committee will make revisions to their long range plan as suggested. The plan will be a bulletin insert for Palm Sunday & Easter. Focus groups will be available after all Masses one weekend after Easter for parishioner input.

Parishioner Input: None.

Organization Reports:

- a) Ladies Guild: B Wengloski reported on Ladies Guild activities ~ Dinner Dance, 65th Anniversary Mass, Bingo night with ladies from St. Andrew at the next Guild meeting to be held here, representatives will attend Council of Catholic Women Annual Layette Program at St. Joseph Church in Willimantic. Donation of baby items collected in Church will be presented. Ladies will also help provide refreshments
- b) Knights of Columbus: R Lataille reported that the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Palm Sunday. Planning a Mother's Day Breakfast.

Committee Reports:

- a) Liturgy: Planning for the season of Lent. Making a new banner for Lent.
- b) Facilities Management: No report.
- c) Religious Education: J Hay reported that a few classes were cancelled due to snow. Goat project is doing well. One class would like to do a bake sale to raise some money for the goat project. Haitian Ministries will provide pictures with the families receiving the goats along with a thank you. Revising the schedule for children's Mass due to cancelled classes on snow days. Classes are working on banners for Church.
- d) Strategic Planning Committee: Moved to before parishioner input.
- e) Lebanon Area Clergy: St. Francis will host the Lenten Ecumenical Service on March 18 at 7pm.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- a) Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison for July 2014 through February 2015 given to all members and reviewed. Also copy of Excell sheet on profit & loss comparison by fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 7/1/09-6/30/10 thru current fiscal year. Copies filed with these minutes. Concerns by all of what to do with the Fortin house continue.
- b) Balance Sheet: As of February 27, 2015. Copies given to all members and filed with these minutes.
- c) Pastor's Comments: Nothing further. See 7d.

For the Good of the Order:

Adjournment: 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Wheaton
Administrative Secretary