

## **St. Raymond Parish Council**

**November 24, 2009 –7:00 PM**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Fr. Jack at 7:06 PM. Father led us in a prayer.**
- 2. Members present: Deacon Larry Agema, Clarence Hazen, Mary Hehli, Sr. Marjorie Hill, Greg LeGare, Jane Mueller, Claire Parr, Jeff Sauter, Veronica Sigurdson, Ron Smith, Elaine Welin, Karen Wirtanen and Fr. Hogan.**
- 3. Minutes from October 24, 2009 were distributed. No changes were made.**

### **BUSINESS**

#### **1. Education Committee:**

- a. Elaine read a report from Sister as she said she may be late to the meeting.**
- b. Most of the registration fees for Religious Education have been collected. There are currently 132 children in grades K-8 and 45 in grades 9 & 10.**
- c. Students in Grades 3-8 are being given the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in church with Father Hogan during the regular class time. Students are first prepared by their teacher for this sacrament.**
- d. The Youth Rally on November 2 at Regis was quite successful and very motivating for the students. Over \$3,000 was donated that day. The proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast sponsored by grades 9 & 10 will be donated for the building of a well in Darfur.**
- e. Family Night for K-10 on December 9, the feast of St. Juan Diego. We will have a DVD on Our Lady of Guadalupe, create cards as usual for those in nursing homes and for those living alone, sing Advent hymns and work on a craft.**
- f. NET Retreat for grades 9 & 10 sponsored by the National Evangelization Team from the Twin Cities will be held on Wednesday, December 16.**
- g. A special thanks to Donna Kuhnen who was able to find two small televisions for us to use for the time being.**

#### **2. Sacred Worship (Liturgy) Committee:**

- a. An organ was donated to St. Raymond parish. Robbie Fox will go pick it up.**
- b. Advent and Christmas services have been scheduled. Christmas Masses are: 6:30 PM on December 24; 10:00 PM on December 24 and 9:00 AM on December 25.**
- c. The music is ready for these services.**
- d. Father will present the Advent stars again (to be done on the first Sunday of Advent—November 29).**
- e. Communal Penance is scheduled for December 18 at 7:00 PM at St. Raymond's.**
- f. Church decorating is scheduled for December 20 beginning at 4:00 PM with a Soup & Sandwich Supper to follow.**
- g. The Prayer for Vocations has been redone and new copies will be put in the back of the hymnals. We will pray this prayer at the end of each Mass. A member of the KC's may lead it or Father will lead it each time.**

#### **3. Buildings and Grounds:**

- a. No dirt was delivered yet for the rectory**
- b. October was a very wet month so not able to finish tasks.**

- c. It is hard to find volunteers to help with tasks because of the late threshing season.
- d. In regards to recent thefts around the parish, it was stated that 46 keys have been given out over the past 7 years. That is not acceptable. It will cost about \$30 per lock (20 locks) to re-key the building.
- e. It was stated that four cameras could be purchased for \$250 and installed.

**4. Social Concerns:**

- a. Ron said there was no participation in the KC's Essay Contest.
- b. Sister sent out the information on the Post Contest.
- c. Thirteen servers attended the Server Party.
- d. Eighty-five attended the KC's Appreciation Supper.
- e. Rosettes will be made and sold again during Advent. This is a good money maker for the KC's.
- f. The PCCW had a Dessert Meeting at the Beth Salonek home.
- g. A Christmas Cookie Sale will be held in Fall Creek on December 5. The cookies will be donated by December 3 as they will be packaged that evening.
- h. Claire stated that \$430 was raised from the Younker Coupon Book fundraiser.
- i. Communion veils will not be made at the January meeting and there does not seem to be a need.
- j. Julie Graaskamp was in charge of selling items after Masses on two Sundays. All the Advent calendars, but 1 was sold. All the Advent wreaths but 1 were sold. Matt King also had items on display and for sale.

**5. Pastor's Report:**

- a. Father handed out financial reports.
- b. Bishop Listeki will be going to Milwaukee and serve as their Archbishop.
- c. We do not have any idea how long it will be before we have a new Bishop.
- d. Karen and Father went to Convocation on Stewardship. 170 people attended this conference. There were some very good speakers on stewardship and how we can build a relationship with God. If we devote our time and talent to God, our treasure will follow.
- e. Father will continue to work on organizing the Stewardship Program at St. Raymond's and continue to impress how to be a true Disciple.
- f. Karen said we are very lucky to have Father Hogan here as he already knows the Stewardship Program and brought this with him when he came to St. Raymond.

**6. Other Business:**

- a. Our signage can continue to be improved. Mass times can now be put on our signage.
- b. If Clarence is given enough notification, he can usually accommodate events to be advertised on the billboard.
- c. It was suggested that we have Children's Envelope's available for our young folks. As stewardship starts when we are very young and will show an 'investment' in our parish.
- d. Father discussed how to seek new members for our Parish Council. He will talk to the parishioners at each Mass in January. He will introduce the new parish council members in February.

- e. **It was suggested that we could hold a ‘Renewal Month’ or ‘Ministry Fair’ to inform folks what the needs of the parish are. Some good ideas were presented and will be discussed further.**
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.**
- 8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the library.**

**Minutes are respectfully submitted by Elaine Welin.**