

St. Andrew's Annual Meeting
November 9, 2008
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Father Tom at approximately 10 a.m. There were 28 members in attendance

Fr. Tom led the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report:

Judy Rose read the minutes from the 2007 annual meeting. Harvey Simon made a motion to approve the minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Ray Collien and all present were in favor.

Pastor's Report:

- Father Tom indicated that there is good participation of the parishioners at St. Andrew's in all aspects of the parish.
- The parish has moved to using weekly envelopes, which will help with cash flow throughout the year. Overall this has been well received. Ray Collien did ask if it was more cost effective to do envelopes this way. Father responded that the difference in cost is minimal and the benefit of more constant cash flow far outweighs that cost. LaVerne Hinkes also expressed concern about donation information being written on the outside of the envelope. All parishioners who have a concern about this were encouraged to indicate their donation amount and how they wanted that distributed on a separate piece of paper and seal it inside the envelope.
- The rebuilding of the ramp has been completed and Fr. Tom, along with the parish sincerely thanks the group of volunteers who donated their time and talent in this project.
- The Faith in Our Future campaign was very successful both monetarily and in building community.
- Overall, things are working very well.

Spiritual Life and Worship:

Mary Wondra gave the report for this committee. They have accomplished a number of things over the past year, with the highlights being the following.

- Organization of the outdoor Mass
- Soup lunch and vespers during Lent
- Making the worship space more welcoming
- The hiring of Tammy Loos as our organist
- The involvement of more youth in our liturgical services
- Kathy Ritger will be the liaison to the Council and will attend council meetings

Welcoming Committee:

Mary Wondra gave the report for this committee.

- The committee purpose is to focus on welcoming new members and encourage them to become active participants in our parishes. They will organize and serve the monthly fellowships at St. Mary's and St. Andrew's.
- The committee does in-home visits with new members or new families. At that visitation they bring Welcome packets and some refreshments. They go over the packet and take a photo for the Community Bulletin Board at church. They also share the parish history and background. At this meeting they go over the various ministries, committees and organizations that the new member might be interested in becoming part of. They also discuss the Parish School, Religious Education and Adult Formation.

Buildings and Grounds:

Sue Weinberger gave the report for this committee.

- Church
 - Windows painted
 - Power washing
 - Seal Coating
 - Shingles replaced
 - Capping completed
 - Tuck pointing around Church windows
 - Cleaned church carpet
 - Entrance doors varnished
 - Rebuilding of the ramp was completed by volunteers at no cost to the parish
- School
 - Tuck pointing
 - Caulked windows
 - Repaired the cornerstone
 - Waterproofing
- Grounds
 - Reseeded lawn around the school
 - Athletic Club donated their time in residing the shack and put a new door on it
- Miscellaneous
 - Purchased a new cab for the snow blower
- In progress
 - Continue to work with Conrad Schmitt company to determine the source of the leakage around the church windows on the east side

Christian Formation:

Debbie Krapfl gave the report for this committee.

- Enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year is 200 students in Grades K through 11. There are 128 families from St. Andrew's and St. Mary's involved in the program.
- We have a wonderful group of catechists again this year, with some continuing to plug into extra workshops or areas of education to gain their certification.
- Extra Programs have been added to complement the curriculum on the various grade levels

- Trip to St. Norbert's ROPE course for the Confirmation Class.
- Trip to St. Francis Seminary for the 7th and 8th graders
- Year of St. Paul family night for grades K through 6
- Water For Peace Outreach project
- Getting more involved in our weekend liturgies beginning with the forming of a high school youth choir.
- Jerusalem Marketplace evening during Lent for the younger grades – prepared and researched by grades 6, 7 and 8
- Bryan Sirchio concert for all families in the program as well as the parish
- We have also subscribed to and will be implementing “Gospel Champions”. This is a Catholic computer based program to help children connect with the Sunday Gospel.
- We have 21 children in our Reconciliation and Eucharist parish program this year. Reconciliation will be received in December and Eucharist next spring during the Easter season. There are also 21 young people preparing for Confirmation and they will be receiving that sacrament next spring on May 24th at St. Andrew's.
- There are four adults in the RCIA program which began at the beginning of October and will go until the Easter Vigil next spring.
- The young people continue to hear and learn about stewardship. Weekly envelope usage has grown with the largest return yet, which included both monetary donations and giving of their time and talents. Very positive!

Human Concerns:

Kathy Billington gave the report for this committee.

The goal of the Human Concerns committee is to involve all members of both St. Andrew's and St. Mary's in projects to assist the needy both at home and abroad. They also strive to educate parishioners about social justice issues.

Annual activities the committee sponsors or coordinates

- Quilting – produced 50 bed quilts, 31 baby quilts and an assortment of other items, which were donated to Clothes 4 Kids, St. Ben's, House of Peace and Fr. Gene's HELP in Milwaukee
- Food Pantry Weekend – emphasized the ongoing collection of items for the Mayville Food Pantry
- Pave – Collection of requested supplies during Lent for PAVE of Beaver Dam
- Socks for the Homeless
- Christmas in July – collect food to stock the food pantry in the summer months
- Crop Walk – coordinate efforts to bring awareness to parish of world hunger and raise funds for the needy
- Work of Human Hands Sale – In cooperation with Catholic Relief Services and SERRA International, moneys received by the sale of items crafted by Third World artisans was given to Catholic Relief Services and Water for Peace, which is a water filtration project in Iraq.
- Winter Clothing Campaign – collect winter outerwear for the homeless

Finance Report:

This report was given by Roseann Schraufnagel.

- The overall financial condition of the parish is good.
- Total Income for the 2007/2008 year was \$149,631.46.
- Total Expenses for the 2007/2008 year was \$131,206.66
- Net Revenue - \$18,424.80
- Balances: General Checking - \$42,730
Restoration Fund - \$190,193
Cemetery Fund - \$61,092

Motion to adjourn:

1st – Norbert Weinberger

2nd – Ray Collien

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Minutes submitted by Judy Rose