

St. Nicholas Parish

Parish Council

September 27, 2011

Name	Absent	Present
Fr.Daryl		X
Scott Watford		X
Keith Dreiling		X
Teresa Heimann		X
Ramie Wasinger		X
Michael Reif		X
Eileen Roberts	X	
Bill Weber		X
Matthew Allen		X
Steve Keil		X
Greg Thyfault		X

The parish council meeting was called to order by Keith Dreiling at 5:35 p.m. and Fr. Daryl began with an opening prayer. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved as presented.

Discussion began regarding the Spiritual Life of the Parish. Comments from committee members were that the parish picnic went well, although participation was light. Comments also included that we might announce the picnic earlier and do more promotion. It was noted the date conflicted with the Volga German Mass celebration held at the Ellis County fairgrounds. It was noted that the horses (Michael Reif Family) was a good addition and it may be a good idea to bring back volleyball. It was also announced that the Soup Supper was scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2011.

Discussion turned to commission reports. Minutes from these commission meetings were submitted to council members in their board packets.

Under Old Business discussion began with the Faith & Family Center. The formal beginning of solicitation of funding is to begin this Wednesday with a meeting of parishioners bringing their children to St. Nick's for religion class. Meetings will be held at 6:16 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to announce the process for the formal pledges of funding and to answer questions from the public. It is realized and noted that this

parish will experience a dual hit for funding with the desire to provide a catholic option for middle school. Fr. Daryl pointed out that the middle school has multiple options for funding while the Faith & Family Center is a parish goal. The process for the Faith & Family Center began in earnest almost two years ago. The parish council recognized the growth of the parish and the physical growth of residential construction to this side of Hays. We recognize the current space issues and believe it will compound in the future. Fr. Daryl commented that he had two dinner meetings and netted approximately \$125,000 of new pledges bring the total to approximately \$500,000 for the project. Fr. Daryl mentioned that the parish will not be allowed to borrow more than 1 million dollars on the project and it would be a goal to start the project with 2 million dollars in hand. Information to the parishioners will ask them for a monetary pledge of a certain dollar amount. Fr. Daryl identified the pledges to be sacrificial giving and not a small donation. The council will continue to explore other options for fundraising.

Keith Dreiling mentioned that Cheryl Duffey had completed proofreading the St. Nicholas Constitution. The final version has been e-mailed to parish council member and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Fr. Daryl informed the council that the roofing contractor had not yet contacted the parish regarding the roof repairs.

Scott Watford then gave a report on the Stewards for Hope. He indicated that the month of September was Attention to the Word of God. He mentioned that the beginning was with the Liturgy followed up with scripture at home. The end of the month brings the end to the first phase. Beginning in October the focus turns to the Rosary. He stated that we will collect rosaries for distribution and begin praying the rosary in church Saturday evening and before the 9:30 a.m. mass on Sunday's. He also mentioned that Michael Sadeghi will make a presentation on October 18th (Tuesday) called A Journey of Faith. The talk will outline Michael's conversion to the catholic faith from Islam and the Muslim Faith. Teresa Heimann thought it would be a nice gesture for the Family Life Commission to provide cookies and refreshments.

Fr. Daryl then told the council that the Wes & Jody Leiker flagpole request had been turned over to the Building & Grounds Commission for their recommendation. A follow-up is expected next month.

The discussion then turned to the landscaping around the sculpture of St Nicholas. There were multiple ideas and several options including the cobblestones. No exact plan or decision was concluded and the plan should include conversations with Mary Hickman.

Keith Dreiling had no chairperson's report.

Fr. Daryl likewise had no additional information to report to the council members.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ramie Wasinger, Secretary