

St. Bernard's Catholic Church Parish Council

September 27, 2011

Present: Kathy Goebel, Jack Whitecotton, Father Dennis, Leslie Warren, Bill Richardson, Sue Rubner and Julie Hoffa

The meeting commenced with Father Dennis giving thanks for the resources we have in our parish and guidance to use them wisely.

Old Business:

- The net proceeds from the sale of the Zabawa house is approximately \$55,000 +/- . Fr. Dennis explained that as the actual closing date approached, Bob Quinn from the Diocese represented St. Bernard Parish at the closing. As such, Fr. Dennis never saw the closing statement until the closing/sale was completed. When Fr. Dennis received the gross total proceeds from the sale (\$57,000 +/-), he was informed that the realtor, Chad Hess, had not received his commission. Chad Hess' original agreement was that he would contribute his commission (\$2,000 +/-) to The Gonzaga Fund Endowment. So, Fr. Dennis informed Chad Hess that St. Bernard Parish would refund Chad Hess his commission (\$2,000 +/-), from the gross proceeds from the sale, in order for Chad Hess to be able to make this contribution to The Gonzaga Fund Endowment (as agreed upon). Joe and Jenny Zabawa, were very active in the parish youth program. Fr. Dennis has proposed that the parish initiate an endowment with these proceeds called the St. Bernard Zabawa Endowment. Any distributions from the endowment will be used for the purpose of providing financial support for youth and young adult faith formation for St. Bernard Church Crawfordsville, Indiana. More specifically, any distributions made from this endowment will assist in the expenses of parish missions, and speakers and programs that support youth and young adult faith formation. Bob McCreary, Office for Stewardship and Development, will speak about endowments and charitable gift annuities at the Masses next weekend and after the Monday evening Mass. The information he will present, will be valuable in reaching a decision on this proposed endowment. The endowment will be through the Catholic Foundation of Northcentral Indiana which is administered by the Lafayette Diocese. Endowments are a combination of stock and bond investments in which the principle amount of the endowment will never be paid out in a distribution, but the principle can fluctuate based on market conditions and distributions made.
- The new handrail to assist Eucharistic ministers was noticed and appreciated.
- Leslie Warren will update signage efforts at the next meeting.
- The pictorial directory is scheduled to be delivered by the end of October. A limited number of extra copies will be available for \$10.00 for those parishioners who don't have their photos in the new pictorial directory. There will be no charge for the pictorial directory for those parishioners who have their photo in the new directory.

New Business:

- Fr. Dennis has coordinated the mission speaker for Lent 2012. Fr. David Ranser, the pastor of St. Francis Xavier in Attica will be presiding at Masses on a weekend in Lent, and also be giving a talk on the following Monday evening. The exact date is yet to be determined.
- A parish council member requested that Fr. Dennis preside at a "Walk-through Mass". Fr. Dennis responded that he was open to that suggestion, but only on the current translation of the Mass, and before Advent.
- Fr. Dennis is planning to show a short video of the New Missal Translation, during all Masses on an upcoming weekend (date to be determined, sometime before Advent).

Father closed the meeting by asking our Lord to bless our families and leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

The next parish council meeting date will be October 25, 2011 at 7 pm.