

Attendance: Fr. Craig, Jim, Dana (via phone), Beth, Chip, Scott, and Tracy

Opening Prayer-Chip

1.Pastor's Report:

a. Fr. Cook-There are no plans to replace him. Mass times might need to be changed. After Oct. Father will reevaluate. Fr. Craig will be going on vacation and the Archdiocese will provide coverage when needed.

b. Tuckpointing & Lintels- Repairs will continue for 5 more weeks.

c. Gutter repairs- Bid for copper was too costly. Coated aluminum will be used instead.

d. New Projects- A new garage will be built and the existing one will be painted using savings and a grant from the archdiocese. Confessionals will be renovated in the same project. Total-\$62,000.

e. School Update- Enrollment is 427 students. IOWA testing was completed. PSR will be transitioning to a new program called Whole Family Catechesis in which students will be taught by parents using a set curriculum. Everyone will come together once a month. 2nd and 8th grade students will have additional time on campus to prepare for sacraments. Pam Miller (DRE) will gather info. on the program.

f. Adult Faith formation is going well. Men's ACTS retreat this week.

New topics: Parish council Elections- Father raised the following questions for discussion: Do we need to have elections? How often should we meet? What is our role going forward? Father-Ideally, it is a group to vet/bounce ideas off. Not present in his last parish.

Jim-Is the advisory role valuable? It should be a diverse group of people where things are kept consistent and recorded on paper.

Scott agreed with Jim and asked. Are we giving Father enough feedback? Perhaps members should have more action items. It seems Father walks away with more to do. There should be strategic planning for the future.

Dana-Do the roles of Parish and Finance Council overlap? Father says no. Those meetings are brief because there are no real issues. The activities we planned this past year went well.

Beth-Does the pastor find value and or does the parish in having a council?

Three new members should cycle on and then 3 current people will cycle off after a few months to give the new members a sense of what their role is.

Father will find out the best way to approach people and call the archdiocese about best practices. Perhaps we develop a brief Parish Council charter that is of value for all, worthwhile and fruitful.

Next Parish Council meeting- Oct. 23 We will all reach out to other parish council members from neighboring parishes and inquire about their role.