

PARISH GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSION MEETING

February 25, 2015

Attendees: Ralph Arnott, Dave Drajna, Rita Arndorfer, Glenda Burrows, Kathleen Delaune,

Absent: Bob Denton, Jim Rogosheske, Steve Arndorfer, Dave Tucci

Guests: Mel Brandl, Arliss Velander

Guests were introduced. Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed with correction for absentees, as were the January PLC minutes with no issues.

Mel Brandl, Grand Knight for SJB Knights of Columbus Council 14250, provided an overview of this organization. The SJB council was formed 8 years ago and Fr. Skluzacek is the Worthy Chaplain. There are currently 91 members with 14 more signed up at the recent recruitment drive. This is an international organization with millions of volunteer hours and funds for numerous causes. The Knights are built on 4 principles:

1. Charity – Community and parish outreach supporting food drives, Fall Fest, pro-life, youth, supporting transportation, 40 days for life and many more.
2. Unity – Support for each of our brother Knights together striving to make a better life in our Parish and Community.
3. Fraternity – Providing assistance to Knight's families (insurance).
4. Patriotism –
 - Belief in standing up to defend God's teaching.
 - Defending the unborn and end of life.
 - Educating the Truth within our St. John's School and community by supporting our priests and defending the structure of the family.

When asked what the PGA Commission could do to help the Knights, Mel responded that Fr. Skluzacek is very supportive. He indicated that it would be convenient to have access to copying services from time to time. Rita said she would see what she could arrange. He also mentioned having more visibility in the parish (promotion).

The next presentation was about the Outdoor Gardens. Note that this ministry includes the indoor plants (responsible persons are on vacation). Ralph reported there is no mission statement at this time but he would draft something that includes having a welcoming and pleasant outside/inside environment. The intent is to provide a pleasing visual experience for parishioners and visitors. Since the staff person, Bonnie Haik (notetaker for another commission) could not report, Glenda Burrows did the honors supported by Ralph. There is a list of all the gardens around SJB with contact persons identified. The issues or needs brought up at the last PGA meeting are largely maintenance related. They need to be brought to Bonnie's attention and she will forward them to the appropriate staff person. Gardening and indoor plant needs involving purchase of items (replacement plants, fertilizer, hoses, etc.), must be submitted to Bonnie to get expenditure approval. It should be noted that there is a budget. Needs are:

- How does this ministry get input to the budget input? How are needs addressed?
- Volunteers need to know of the needed resources (what, where, etc.). For example, faucet keys (there are different sizes), hoses, how to get the water turned on, fertilizer, mulch, pots.
- There is a need for more volunteers.

We reviewed those groups which have not reported. They include Fall Fest (Steve A.), Booya (Bob D.), Turkey Dinner (Kathleen D.), Italian Dinner (Bob D.), Soup Suppers (Dave T.) and Welcome Desk (Ralph A.). Fall Fest and Booya will report next month.

We did not discuss the agenda item about groups with no mission statements.

Recruitment of new PGA Commission members was discussed. Kathleen D. decided to return along with Dave D who re-upped last meeting. Guest Arliss V. is considering joining.

No blue sky this month. However, Dave T's request to obtain statements from our assigned groups/activities on what they do and how they carry out the parish mission statement is repeated. **Everyone is to contact their assigned groups/activities for statements.**

The next meeting is March 25th.

Ralph Arnott, Notetaker