

Brotherhood of St. Alban's Group Meeting
October 8, 2011
9:00 AM
St. Alban's

Notes

Mission:

The Brotherhood of St. Alban's is a group of men committed to the fellowship and support of men in our church to enrich their daily lives, the study of God's Word to understand and live a more Godly life, and to the service of the church and community.

- Dick Knotts provided an opening devotional for the group.
- The committee reviewed the Organizational Meeting Notes from the first two meetings of the whole group and did not feel that anything needed to be added to today's agenda.

Brotherhood of St. Alban's Study Group

- The group discussed the first two meetings of the study group and reflected on the study group process. Fr. Arnason provided information as to how and why the African method is structured.
- The group reflected on whether the praying for the person next to you (final step of the African method) was awkward/uncomfortable - and would thereby cause some men not to attend.
- The group noted that it can be challenging for some men and that it should be explained that it does not have to be an elaborate prayer, but can be simple words.
- After discussion, *the group agreed by consensus that the current structure should be maintained, and as a result, may provide the opportunity for growth and development for both individuals as well as the entire study group.* The group noted that as the group becomes more comfortable with each other, the awkwardness of praying out loud may also diminish.

Service Project Update

- Tommy Spain and Steve Eaton reported that the planning for the playground is underway. Currently, the parents of young children have met and have formed various committees in order to effectively/efficiently take on the project. Currently they are in the stage of organizing themselves, doing research, brainstorming fundraising ideas; cost analysis, timeline planning etc. Tommy Spain and Steve Eaton will keep the Brotherhood informed as to the needs and status of the group as things progress. The group felt that the pavilion and the playground should be taken on as two separate projects with the playground completed first. *At this time, there is no action needed by the Brotherhood.*

Service Project Request from the Daughters of the King

- The group reviewed a service project (copy of the email provided) request for painting within the Barn – submitted by the DOK.
- The group noted that this request highlights the fact that the church has recognized the Brotherhood as a group the church can turn to for support and action. The group noted that the DOK are not asking for funds, but rather the labor support to meet the need.
- *By consensus, the whole group agreed to meet this need of painting as requested by the DOK.*
Action: Notify the DOK (Kathy Shirilla) that the Brotherhood will be happy to take on the painting project. The DOK should move forward with the purchasing of the paint and the DOK should notify the Brotherhood when they would like the Brotherhood to begin the painting.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

- Wayne Oram led a discussion regarding the Golf Tournament Fundraiser.
- Wayne discussed the proposed tournament format and that each team would ideally be comprised of one St. Alban's member and three people from outside of St. Alban's (making up a team of four). There would be a total of 30 teams – this is the maximum amount of teams that the course can hold.
- Wayne provided the group with a summary of anticipated expenses and revenues and noted that it is anticipated that a tournament, with this layout, could net the church a profit of approximately \$4,700.
- The tournament would need to be held on a Friday due to the needs of the golf course.
- Wayne suggested that the Tournament take place in the spring in order to effectively put together teams, secure sponsorships, etc.
- *After discussion the group was in consensus that the Tournament planning should move forward with spring time of 2012 as the target date for the Tournament.*

Prayer Group

- Andy Hardin led a discussion about the Brotherhood sponsoring and endorsing the Daily Office prayers as found in the Book of Common Prayer. Andy stated that it is very powerful when this is done and provided to the greater community.
- The ultimate goal of this would be that these prayers are said morning, noon and night – Monday through Friday. To get to this frequency, it will take time and support of the parish.
- Andy stated that he would be willing to provide this for the parish on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. John Leach stated that he would be willing to facilitate it some evenings.
- Fr. Arnason stated that this is something that EFM may be able to provide a few minutes before their meetings each Monday evening and that other groups like DOK may be interested in also sponsoring a time(s).

- Andy stated that he would be willing to create a signup sheet and would help provide a Question and Answer session for those who may be interested in facilitating.
- Andy stated that it would be good to start this Prayer Group offering in Advent as that is the beginning of the church year – Year B.
- *The Group was in consensus that the Brotherhood would sponsor and endorse the Daily Office prayers beginning in Advent – Year B, and would support the development of this ministry.*

Brotherhood of St. Alban's Retreat

- Fr. Arnason provided information about the two format options for a retreat for the Brotherhood – off site or at St. Alban's.
- *The group discussed the benefit of both and by consensus the group felt that an offsite retreat at a place like Valley Crusis would be most beneficial. No date was set, and the group will continue to look into the when and where possibilities.*

Dick Knotts provided the closing prayer and included prayer requests

The group adjourned at 10:15am.

These notes were recorded and compiled by Steve Eaton.