

## **Parish Council Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016**

**Attendance:** Fr. Tom Sutton, Deb Lupo, Jessica Reder, Christine Junga, Renee Krager, Sue LeVassuer, Deb Ora, Janet Woronoff, Sandy DesJardins, Sally Czabala, Mike Jamrog, Mary Ellyn Gushow, Shelley Helmreich, and Stephanie Schacher

**Excused:** Tim Markel, Tim Hadd, Karen Willsie, Bill Zimmerman, and Betsy Anderson

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed. Sally Czabala moved to approve and Renee Krager seconded the motion.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Weather Cancellation Policy: Discussed whether the policy needs to be changed. The Council decided to keep the old policy, but clarified that the staff can make judgement calls for out-of-the-ordinary circumstances. In addition, the decision to cancel any evening events should be made by 3:00 PM.
2. The Parish Planning Group will be attending the marketing students' class on December 12 to hear the class's report on the findings from the survey. A preliminary report notes that 330 surveys were returned and another 43 arrived late. Other noteworthy results include the fact that 47% of respondents are retired and an estimate of how much respondents said they would be willing to give to the building of a new church is around \$300,000. Most people also said that they were happy that the survey was sent out.
3. The first reading on *Evangelii Gaudium* were passed out. It should be read before the January meeting, where it will be discussed by the Council for 15 minutes at the start of the meeting.

### **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

#### **Education/Formation:**

1. The Bishop has chosen May 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Confirmation date.
2. Sascha Rivet has joined the Education Commission.

#### **Worship: Sally Czabala**

1. Thanksgiving Mass and Communal Anointing of the Sick went well.
2. They are looking for families to bring up the Baby Jesus to the manager for the Christmas Masses.

#### **Administration: Mike Jamrog**

1. We have had a surplus for five months. The school is also in a good position financially.
2. Brian Ora has joined the Administration Commission.
3. The Administration Commission invited Jessica, Sue, and Sandy to sit in on part of the January meeting to discuss alternative storage options.
4. The church bell has been fixed. It rings for a full minute now.

5. The Toni and Trish House purchase of the St. Anthony rectory should be finalized by the end of the year.
6. There is a bid on the Nine Mile property.

**Christian Service: Renee Krager**

1. We have adopted a parish family for Christmas.
2. Giving Tree is going well. Gifts will be sorted after the 9:30 Mass on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
3. We will have a Blood Drive on December 28<sup>th</sup> and will start to have them approximately every 56 days.
4. There will not be a collection for the Food Pantry for December because of all the food that was donated for the Thanksgiving baskets.
5. Rite of Welcome went well.

**Staff Report: Fr. Tom**

1. A lock will probably have to be put on the cabinet with the microphone controls in it. Someone has been messing with it.
2. Discussed the groups that use West Campus. Groups have been using the space more frequently. In an effort to not be taken advantage of, we will start having groups sign a contract. Restrictions will also be placed on who can have keys to West Campus and how many.

**Upcoming Events:**

1. Communal Penance—December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
2. School Pageant—December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
3. Christmas Eve Mass—December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and 8:30 PM
4. Christmas Day Mass—December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM
5. Parish Office closed December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (half-day), and January 2<sup>nd</sup>
6. Blood Drive—December 28<sup>th</sup> 3:00-8:00 PM

*Submitted by Christine Junga*