

Parish Council Meeting Minutes February 9, 2017

Attendance: Fr. Tom Sutton, Deb Lupo, Tim Markel, Bill Zimmerman, Jessica Reder, Christine Junga, Renee Krager, Sue LeVassuer, Karen Willsie, Janet Woronoff, Betsy Anderson, Mary Ellyn Gushow, Sally Czabala, Mike Jamrog, Tim Hadd, Sandy DesJardins, Shelley Helmreich, and Bill Rivet

Excused: Deb Ora, and Stephanie Schacher

Review of Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. Mary Ellyn Gushow motioned to approve the minutes as written, and, Sally Czabala seconded the motion, all were in favor.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bill Rivet was introduced and welcomed as a new member to the Parish Council.
2. Parish Council Evangelization formation - discussion of Evangelii Gaudium commentary. The council read session 2 provided prior to attending the meeting titled "So what are we waiting for?" The Parish Council spent 15 minutes in discussion sharing their thoughts on the document. The timing was good in light of last week's gospel about being salt of the earth. Many of the thoughts of the discussion were around living the gospel in our lives, and to sometimes use words.
3. Parish Planning Committee – Betsy communicated that the committee now needs a new chair for the planning committee. She reported that the committee did send a letter to the Parish about the survey, and their direction moving forward. A couple people did come to the Parish office in response to the letter. The planning committee recommending that the Parish Council also send out a letter to the Parish communicating why the planning committee is going in the current direction, and provided a starting point letter to the Parish Council. Parish Council discussed what would be communicated. Bill Rivet volunteered to update the sample letter provided by the planning committee. The goal is to get the letter out to parishioners next week. During the discussion, what to do about St. Anthony church building came up. With the direction of moving towards one site, the east campus, it was motioned by Mary Ellen Gushow for the Parish to begin the process with the diocese of putting the St. Anthony site up for sale, and the motion was seconded by Karen Willsie. The Parish Council voted, and all were in favor. During the discussion, concerns were brought up about the current uses of the gym. The Parish Council does recognize the needed use of the gym for funerals and for student activities. Contingency plans for these uses need to be made for if, when the site is sold. Father Tom communicated that they will be starting up the Building committee again, and that they are looking for 7-8 members. Is anyone interested, or know of anyone who may be interested?

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Education/Formation: Jessica Reder reported

1. AACS - Jessica reported that AACS wrapped up Catholic Schools week with their 3rd – 5th graders joining Blessed Sacrament and St. Brigid for Mass. They then spent the day there, and had an event that had five stations consisting of: Two Faith Based Stations lead by Father Kevin and Father Steve, Chippewa Nature Center, making a Mosaic cross with Painterly Pottery, and meeting a Community Leader. February 23rd is open house. The school has received 13 letters of intent for kindergarteners, but there could be more, a possible 19 total. March is reading month.
2. Religious Education - Sacramental program started on February 7th, and they have 6 sessions left. There are 21 candidates.
3. Youth Group – Youth group is planning a trip to Cedar Point for the summer. They will be joining a lock in with Prince of Peace Parish. They are planning to stay local, Saginaw area, with their Mission trip this year.

4. They will be doing something different for Stations Cross this year, a family oriented theme, which will take place on March 10th.
5. Fall Raffle- Jessica read a letter to Parish Council requesting that they be able to hold a fall raffle again, and that the proceeds go towards the school technology fund. The previous raffle supported the alarm system in the school. This year they would like to purchase lap tops for the teachers, and purchase STEM materials. Tim Hadd motioned that they run the fall raffle and that the proceeds be put towards the school technology fund. Bill Rivet seconded the motions. All were in favor.

Worship: Sally Czabala

1. Fr. Bert Gohm provided a work shop for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ministers of Hospitality on February 2nd and 4th. The content was great. The turnout could have been better. Most lectors attended, about half of all Eucharistic ministers attended, and there was a lower turnout for ministers of hospitality.
2. There commission talked about Lent activities, they will have a couple speakers this year, one of which is Fr. Bert Gohm, and they will end with Reconciliation.

Administration: Mike Jamrog

1. Mark LeVassuer is the acting Project Manager.
2. The committee, reviewed 3 proposals for storage, they have now decided to go with a 12' x 24' permanent structure over the temporary Conex box recommend last month.
3. The administration committee is working with City Sewer on fixing the kitchen plumbing, looking at solutions.
4. Mark LeVassuer is evaluating installation of Hand Dryers in the bathrooms.
5. Mark LeVassuer is getting bids to replace the boilers.
6. The financial reports look good. The Parish had is \$88,000 positive for the fiscal year. The school is also in good shape financially, having only \$3800 deficit year to date, very good shape.
7. Salaries, insurances, were reviewed, and the Administration Committee supported a 3.3% increase to the budget.
8. This past year's CSA is \$2200 short, with time remaining. The new CSAA target is \$77,551, approximately \$2000 increase over last year.

Christian Service: Renee Krager

1. Coffee and Donuts are this coming week-end along with the Food pantry.
2. Membership – 3 people's terms will end this year. The Christian Service is looking for 4 new members for next year.
3. Easter Vigil – request to Sue to get 8 extra Lilly plants to be used for decoration at the reception after the Easter Vigil.
4. Soup suppers – Going with Gordons Foods. Previous complaints were that the soup was too salty. Modifications were made. They had some taste testers test the modifications and the soup will be good. They will order one soup that is gluten free.

Staff Report: Fr. Tom

1. Fr. Tom communicated more about the CSA, and how the amount is determined for a Parish. The Parish Council was given the formula included in our packet prior to the meeting. One of the main factors is the number of envelop holders in the Parish. In light of the formula, annually in January, the Parish looks at those who are envelope holders, but do not give anything, or who give less than \$50. There are over 80 envelop holders in these categories. These people are contacted confirming their interest in the Parish.

Upcoming Events:

1. Lenten Bulk Mailing – February 20th
2. Blood Drive – February 22nd
3. AACCS Open House – February 23rd
4. Ash Wednesday – March 1st
5. Stations of the Cross begin March 3rd
6. Stations of the Cross for families – March 10th
7. The next Parish Council meeting is March 9th at 7:30 PM.

Tim Markel moved to close the meeting, and Bill Zimmerman seconded the motion.

Submitted by Tim Hadd