

Parish Council Meeting Minutes June 8, 2017

Attendance: Fr. Tom Sutton, Deb Lupo, Tim Markel, Bill Zimmerman, Renee Krager, Sue LeVassuer, Janet Woronoff, Mike Buchman, Sally Czabala, Tim Hadd, Mike Jamrog, Sandy DesJardins, and Karen Willisie

Excused: Christine Sellnow, Jessica Reder, Mary Ellyn Gushow, Bill Rivet

Review of Minutes: The minutes were reviewed. Bill Zimmerman motioned to approve the minutes as written. Sally Czabala seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of *Evangelii Gaudium* Part 5: The Parish Council spent about 10 minutes in discussion sharing their thoughts on the document. It was generally said that we do not see the homeless type poverty in Auburn. We do have the food pantry for those in need. We help some pay their bills. One comment was around how for Pope Francis becoming a disciple of Jesus, it is that your heart and your mind will go out to the poor, the excluded, “those whom society discards.” And, it’s about going out of ourselves and entering deeply into friendship with people in dire need, with loving attentiveness. Father Tom noted that, as a Parish we give 5%, allotting \$28,000 to charities including; Bay Area Woman’s Shelter, Cancers Services of Michigan, East Side Soup Kitchen, Guest House, Hidden Harvest, Beacon of Hope, Catholic Soup Kitchen, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and others. A lot is being done in the name of our Parish. Sandy also talked about being able to do an adult Mission to Kentucky. To do a mission like this is life changing and something for us to consider.
2. West Campus “for sale” sign update. As was previously communicated, there were no protests or remarks to the Parish, and we assume, no remarks to the Bishop either. He met with his council on Tuesday. He will now put up a decree documenting what we have done and why we are requesting selling. There will then be a 15-day period for protest. If no one objects we will be free to proceed. If there is protest, the Bishop will hear the protest and make a decision. If they do not like the Bishop’s answer they can then appeal to Rome. This has happened in the diocese. Typically, if Canon Law has been followed, Rome will uphold the Bishop’s decision. We have had a couple inquiries. One individual, a Pentecostal minister, has been here 7 times bringing different people through. The site was appraised at \$630,000. The appraisal was shared with this individual, giving him the particulars of the building.
3. CSA update: We have received 383 pledges, 70% of the Parishioners. This resulted in \$77,444, 98+% of the \$77,551 goal, only \$107.00 from our goal. Father Tom would like a \$1000 - \$1500 cushion for those who do not fulfill, but our Parish is outstanding at fulfilling their commitments.
4. New Council and Committee membership: Worship Commission has two new members, 10 members total. The Administration committee has replaced those who have left. They are at their allotted number. Education Commission has a new chair, Sasha Rivet, who is recruiting new members. They would like 4 new members. They still need a school representative. Parish Council reviewed the status of current members, no one is set to leave after this year, but several have terms ending in 2018. We are ok for this year.
5. Parish Planning Group – As has been communicated in the Amen Corner, the Bishop approved going forward with hiring architects to obtain better estimates to help the Parish in deciding to build a new church building. The planning group will now be meeting again. They are considering several firms or architects for design, including: Fred Dice, Great Lakes, Dave Taget, and Three Rivers and will narrow down who they want to work with. Tim Markel offered to talk with his purchasing person from work to see if he can offer advice in the bidding process. Bill Zimmerman challenged the location next to the school to the east. Saying that the new church building would be a great marketing tool and should be out front. Mike said that the current location was decided based on convenience between it and the existing building for funerals, the school, etc., but it can be discussed again.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Education/Formation: Sandy DesJardins reported

1. The Education Commission meeting was held via e-mail.
2. AACS –The school will be up 13 students to a total of 73 students K through 5th grade. Four year old pre-school will have 21 students. Extended day has 14 - 15, and three year olds will have 9 students. June 9th is the last day of school. Offices close June 15. Jessica’s last day is June 21st.
3. Faith Formation – Vacation Bible School will be from July 31st – Aug 3rd with the theme “Mighty Fortress: In Jesus the victory is won.”

4. We have hired an adult faith formation coordinator, Connie Kaczyinski. She will be starting next fall.
5. Baptism – Nine families have pending baptisms. Four that have dates scheduled. Still need a new team member.
6. Youth ministry – The Cedar Point trip is June 19th, there are 10 kids from our Parish going joining Prince of Peace Parish. The Graduation Mass will be June 11th.
7. Parish Picnic responsibility is Kitchen area.

Worship Commission – Sally Czabala reported

1. Eucharistic Ministers Commissioning June 17th and 18th.
2. How to get people to join ministries was discussed. The bulletin requests are not working. As was communicated in the bulletin, we need Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, etc., maybe try one on one contact.

Administration: Mike Jamrog reported

1. Waiting on a plan for Storage Proposal, update will be given by Tim Markel.
2. Boilers: A bid maximum was previously approved by Parish Council. They have received diocesan approval. A bid will be accepted in the next two weeks.
3. Toni Trish house sale is complete. Previously, Parish Council approved giving a portion back to the Diocese who originally gave \$106,000 to upgrade the building for the original purpose as a place for retired priests. The Administration Committee recommended this amount be \$60,000 and that these dollars be directed toward the Priest retirement account. A motion was made by Sally Czabala and seconded by Tim Hadd. The Parish Council held a vote by the attending Parish Council members. Those who voted yes: Deb Lupo, Bill Zimmerman, Renee Krager, Sally Czabala, Tim Hadd, Mike Jamrog, and Karen Willsie. Tim Markel voted no.
4. Received a bid for fire detection and monitoring system. That system is really not needed. It is tabled for now.
5. Water in the basement of the Parish Center. It was caused by the failure of the Consumers Transformer. Consumers will cover damage costs. However, we will install a back up water powered sump pump.
6. Hand dryers were already approved, but not at \$2000. Tim Markel motioned to put in the hand dryers. Sally Czabala seconded the motion. A vote was held and all in attendance voted yes.
7. Parking lot repairs needed where the lines to the catch basins were installed resulting in the pavement sinking. Ryan Owens bid the job for concrete at \$3000. Tim Hadd moved that the \$3000 bid be accepted to make the repairs. Karen Willisie seconded the motion. The attending Parish Council members who voted yes: Deb Lupo, Tim Markel, Renee Krager, Sally Czabala, Tim Hadd, Mike Jamrog, and Karen Willsie. Those who voted no: Bill Zimmerman.
8. Financial statements very close to budget for the month of May, and predicting similar results for June. The school is also doing good compared to budget.
9. Potable units: Tim Markel gave an update and communicated the preferred option. He shared a package showing the dimensions of the recommend structure, a 24' x 56' structure. It would be located north of the school. It will be used for the library, computer lab, lounge, and a misc. room. There is money in the school savings to fund the project. It is planned to be leased for 3 years for a total cost estimated at around \$35,000. The need for storage is now. This will give us 3 years to learn more about the church building. We now need stamped architectural package to determine the final cost, until then it is still an estimate. The goal is to have this by the start of the school year. Once the costs are complete, the proposal will be sent to Parish Council. They will vote over the summer on a conference call to approve.

Christian Service: Renee Krager

1. Father's Day: A gift for all dads will be given after masses June 17th and 18th.
2. Picnic – There will be a July meeting for the chairs. We will also meet twice in August. No bounce houses, a decree from the diocese prohibits them, and it was accepted by St. Gabriel.
 - o Parish Council –Games
 - o Education – Kitchen
 - o Administration –Set up and Beverages
 - o Christian Service – Greeters and Bingo
 - o Worship- Clean up

Upcoming Events:

1. September 10th Parish Picnic
 2. Next Meeting –September 14, 2017 at 7:30 PM
- Tim Markel moved to close the meeting. Bill Zimmerman seconded the motion.

Submitted by Tim Hadd