

Parish Council Meeting Minutes May 11, 2017

Attendance: Fr. Tom Sutton, Deb Lupo, Tim Markel, Bill Zimmerman, Jessica Reder, Christine Junga, Renee Krager, Sue LeVassuer, Janet Woronoff, Mike Buchman, Sally Czabala, Tim Hadd, Bill Rivet, and Mike Jamrog

Excused: Sandy DesJardins, Mary Ellyn Gushow, Karen Willsie

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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Evangelii Gaudium Part 4: Session 4, titled “Not to an economy of exclusion!” was provided and read prior to the meeting. The Parish Council spent about 10 minutes in discussion sharing their thoughts on the document, acknowledging the unfairness in the growing gaps between the rich and the poor. Mergers are done to help companies, but jobs are reduced. It is very difficult for us to address this issue as a group. However, as it said in the session, “by loving the neighbors who enter into our lives, then working and praying to understand how we can genuinely help. The ripples from each of us reach all of us.”
2. West Campus “for sale” sign update. As previously stated, Fr. Tom wrote a letter to the Bishop communicated the desire of the Parish to sell the West Campus. Fr. Tom communicated that this is an 11 step, very complicated process, and we have completed step 2, communicating our intentions in the Parish bulletin four weeks in a row. There were no complaints here and assume no complaints to the diocese either. We are now waiting for a response from the Bishop who is to have a discussion with his consultants to see if they agree with the sale of the property. This meeting was scheduled for June. Fr. Tom has asked for sooner if possible. If that goes without objection, a Decree is then taped to the door of the building. After, people have 15 days to appeal the sale of the church, the appeal goes to Rome. We have had two inquiries. The site was appraised at \$630,000. There was discussion around keeping the meaningful, historical stained glass for a future church building.
3. Christine Junga reported on the proactive efforts of planning what gym and hall facilities we would use in the reality of selling the West Campus. She reported the K of C hall would be available for \$250.00 per event. The Williams township hall is \$300, or \$150 for just the kitchen area per event. Christine has yet to find a gym opportunity. Previously Grace was not an option, but they are getting a new Pastor which may change the opportunity.
4. CSA update: We have received 323 pledges, 59% of the Parishioners. This resulted in \$69,244, 89% of the \$77,551 goal.
5. New Council and Committee membership: It is the intent that new members attend the June meetings. Deb Lupo will prepare an announcement for the Parish Bulletin requesting new members. Parish Council reviewed the status of current members, no one is set to leave after this year, but several have terms ending in 2018. Worship Commission wants three more members, they came up with 7 names, and hopefully out of the 7 they will get 3. For Administration, 4 people would be leaving in 2018, but two of them will extend for one more year after. Education needs 4 – 5 new members and needs a new school representative. Christian Service has 3 with terms ending, but 2 said they will stay on, and one new member is coming on.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Education/Formation: Jessica Reder reported

1. AACS – All teachers are returning for next year. The school will be up 13 students to a total of 73 students K through 5th grade students. There will be 19 Kindergarten students. Exciting! Preschool is doing well. They

are taking donations for the Parish Fall Raffle through June. They are still looking for additional space. Currently the library, computer lab, and teacher's lounge share the same space. They are considering leasing or purchasing a portable unit. This was discussed more during the Administration Committee report.

2. Faith Formation – Vacation Bible School will be from July 31st – Aug 3rd with the theme “Mighty Force in Jesus the Victory is won.” Twenty children received Confirmation with First Eucharist weekends May 6/7, and coming May 20/21. Sandy is still looking for new members of the Baptismal team. There are four baptisms on the calendar for May and June with 5 more pending.
3. Youth ministry – Youth ministry had a trivia night that went well. There were six families participating of which one was from the 5th grade class who will be joining next year. The Graduation Mass will be June 11th.

Worship: Sally Czabala reported

1. Communal Penance Service held April 5th had 480 people attend. There was positive feedback from many.
2. They are planning for Pentecost which will be June 4th. Discussed decoration plans.
3. They are looking for new members for next year.

Administration: Mike Jamrog reported

1. Boilers: Bids were requested of 5 different resources to replace and demo the existing boiler. Only 2 bids were received, still waiting on the required third bid. The diocese requires 3 bids. Two of the contractors did not respond. In light of the final bid being no more than the current low bid, the administration requested approval to move forward with being no worse than the current bid of \$105,000. The bid included demo of the existing boiler. Deb Lupo will investigate Consumers Energy rebates available for the high efficiency boiler. It was proposed by Tim Markel and seconded by Bill Zimmerman to move forward with the project as described. A roll call vote was held. All Parish Council members present at the meeting, Deb Lupo, Bill Rivet, Tim Markel, Bill Zimmerman, Mike Jamrog, Renee Krager, Sally Czabala, and Tim Hadd voted yes.
2. Toni Trish house sale is complete for \$225,000 receiving a check for \$220,846 after fees.
3. Cemetery fees: Mike proposed increasing the rate, in general, by about \$100 for Ground Burial and the Columbarium. The Grounds Burial Plots for Parishioners were increased from \$400 to \$500, and for non-Parishioners from \$800 to \$900. The opening and Closing costs were also increased by \$100 from \$500 to \$600. The Columbarium prices for Niche Single Urn were increased from \$925 to \$1000 and Double Urn from \$1200 to \$1400. The Inurnment would increase from \$125 to \$250. Even with these increases, the prices are very reasonable far below other places. A proposal to accept these new rates was made by Sally Czabala and seconded by Tim Hadd. A roll call vote was held. All Parish Council members present at the meeting, Deb Lupo, Bill Rivet, Tim Markel, Bill Zimmerman, Mike Jamrog, Renee Krager, Sally Czabala, and Tim Hadd voted yes.
4. Lighting update: Lighting has been installed. The last task is to repair a severed phone line to the rectory that occurred during the installation.
5. Parish Budget for 2017 / 2018 was presented. The budgeted income is \$1,025,464 and budgeted expenditures are \$947,784 which included a subsidy of \$73,000 to the school, still leaving a surplus of \$77,690. Mike requested approval of this budget. It was proposed by Tim Hadd that the budget be accepted as presented, and it was seconded by Sally Czabala. All present Parish Council members: Deb Lupo, Bill Rivet, Tim Markel, Bill Zimmerman, Mike Jamrog, Renee Krager, Sally Czabala, and Tim Hadd voted yes.
6. Parish Grounds cleanup day is May 20th starting at 8:30. \$660 worth of mulch has been purchased for landscaping.

7. Finances for April are still in good shape. As has been the trend, weekly contributions are less than budget, but other sources are more than making up the difference.
8. Potable units: Tim Markel gave an update and communicated new options. As was previously communicated by Jessica, school enrollment has increased. With that there is more need for class room and library space. With the flux of decisions for a new church building, and not knowing if this increase in student enrollment is a permanent trend or an anomaly, it is being considered to lease or purchase a double wide to address the next two year's needs. Considered was a used unit, and either a newer 24' x 36' unit, or newer 24' by 56' unit. The purpose would be to relocate the library, or to house a new class room, to provide storage, all yet to be determined. Bill Rivet recommended understanding purchase costs as well, that after use these units still hold good value and sell easily. Tim described locations as either to the west of the building, or where the sand box is located to the north. Tim gave details on the buildings layout, prices to lease, and how they could be used. At this stage, Tim sought approval in moving forward. Before utility costs, permits, meeting with state inspectors, etc., are evaluated, does the Parish council approve moving forward? Are there concerns? Parish Council agreed that it made sense to continue with the process.

Christian Service: Renee Krager

1. Easter Vigil: The reception for Marty Spenser had 80 – 90 people attend. The finger foods had nice variety.
2. Food Pantry: For the month of May the request is for Mexican style food to accommodate the Migrant workers.
3. Mother's Day: A gift for all mothers will be given after mass.
4. Handy Man was requested: A senior citizen requested some assistance around their home. Tim Markel asked for the contact information, he would help out. Or, it was thought, Bill Reder who cuts her grass could help out.

Staff Report: Fr. Tom

1. Staff meeting minutes from April and May were sent to Parish Council.
2. Fr. Tom communicated the big news that Christine Junga is getting married on May 20th, and that she will be taking a couple weeks off for this event.
3. There is interest in the 9 mile property.
4. Parish Clean-up is May 20th. There are 20 yards of mulch to spread. Anyone available is welcome to come help out.
5. Parish Planning Committee – mostly, the planning committee is in a holding pattern waiting for direction from the Bishop to approve the new sale, and in moving forward in evaluating building a new church building.
6. Parish Picnic is September 10th – this needs to be a topic on next month's agenda to discuss.

Upcoming Events:

1. Migrant Program Food Collection – May 13 and 14
2. First Eucharist – May 20 and 21
3. Memorial Day – May 29 (No School May 26 and 29; Parish Office closed May 29)
4. Fifth Grade Mass – June 2
5. Next Meeting – June 8, 2017 at 7:30 PM

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

Submitted by Tim Hadd