

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2016

Attendance: Fr. Tom Sutton, Deb Lupo, Tim Markel, Bill Zimmerman, Jessica Reder, Christine Junga, Renee Krager, Sue LeVassuer, Karen Willsie, Mary Ellen Gushaw, Janet Woronoff, Sally Czabala

Excused: Deb Ora, Pam Spencer, Tim Hadd, Betsy Anderson, Teresa Finner

Review of Minutes: There was a correction to the staff report minutes. It now says “received” instead of “made” money from the Little Black Book sales.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers—Deb Lupo was elected Chair of the Parish Council. Bill Zimmerman was elected Vice Chair of the Parish Council. The Secretary was not elected.
2. Status of Commission/Parish Council Membership—A few more volunteers are needed for some commissions. Christine will send out the new contact list once she has received everyone’s updated information.
3. School Report:
 - The school has a new 4th and 5th grade teacher (Tara Fritz) and a new Para-Pro (Karen Brandeye).
 - Enrollment for Preschool through 5th grade is 95.
 - The Engineering for Kids program will be held again this year.
 - Free math and reading tutoring will be offered to the students.
 - The school will be using a new online grading system this year which should facilitate better communication between teachers and parents about students’ progress.
 - AACS has not heard back about accreditation yet.
 - Co-ed soccer has started and a porta potty has been installed for that.
 - Mass with the Bishop will be October 4th at 9:00 am.
 - AACS will be participating in the Western Homecoming Parade with an Inside Out theme.
 - Diocese has chosen new theme this year for the Catholic schools: Be the Difference.
 - Received \$175 per student from the sales of the Little Black Books.
 - There are three families currently taking advantage of the Spreading the Spirit program.
4. Parish Picnic:
 - Christine will call Bill and have him bring coolers, microphone system, and five 8-foot tables from West Campus to East Campus.
 - Parish Council will gather at East Campus at 11:00 am on Sunday, September 11.
 - Tents, tables and chairs will be put up on Saturday morning.
 - The lunch tables should be put in the hallway to make room in the Social Hall.
 - There will be six round tables inside for the elderly.
 - For food tables, there should be two rows of three tables each so that there are four food lines.
 - Bill volunteered to get chips, ice, and ice cream.
 - People should come in main doors of church.
 - Two porta potties will be rented from City Sewer.
 - The Raffle will be held outside and Bingo will be held inside.
 - The church will be opened at 8:30 am Sunday morning for the food delivery.
5. Committee to establish contact with inactive parishioners—Sandy will chair the committee and reach out to potential committee members. Five volunteers would be needed. Information will be put in the bulletin.
6. Evangelization commission—Discussed having someone from the Diocese come out and give a presentation about what evangelization is. The commissions could have a shortened meeting, followed by a 30-minute presentation before the Parish Council meeting.
7. Parish Personnel: There is a parishioner who is interested in the Youth Minister position. Fr. Tom will be interviewing her soon.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Education/Formation:

- Registration for Religious Education is September 10th and 11th
- Religious Education begins September 26th
- There will be an open house for the parishioners to see the new Atrium.
- Catechetical Weekend is September 17th and 18th
- Nursery and CLOW starts up again on September 11th.
- Trunk or Treat will be on October 30th
- There is interest in having a tech intern from SVSU help us learn how we can better connect with the parishioners and with other local parishes.

Worship:

- Kathy Hugo was elected as secretary.
- A chairperson is still needed.
- Anointing Weekend will be October 29th/30th.
- Parish Picnic preparations are all taken care of.
- Remembrance Weekend is November 5th/6th.
- The commission would like to have a workshop for everyone who is involved in Ministry (lectors, EMs, etc.) possibly in January.

Administration:

- Election of officers: Mike Jamrog will continue to serve as Chairman.
- Tim Markel will serve as Vice Chairman.
- A quote for updating the lighting in the parking lot should come next week.
- The sale of the St. Anthony rectory property to Toni and Trish House is still pending. They have to bring it to their board, after which we will need to get approval from the Bishop.
- The city has expressed interest in the Nine Mile property, but so far, they have not moved forward with that.
- The new roofs, concrete work, and acoustic work are all done.
- Upcoming projects: bell, boiler, AC in Parish Center
- We raised \$960 above our CSA goal.
- Collections were down for the summer.
- The parish received \$13,000 from the Diocese Deposit and Loan Program.
- Currently the parish expenses are on-budget.
- The Administration Commission received the proposal for storage from the School Principal, DRE, and Worship Commission. The Commission will discuss it at the next meeting.

Christian Service:

- The parish blood drive will be September 27th at 2:00 to 7:00pm.
- Coffee and Donuts were cancelled for September. They will start in October.
- Everything is all set for the Parish Picnic.
- Visiting Nurses: Covenant won't do it this year for lack of participation from our parish. Renee will look into getting someone from St. Mary's.

Staff Report:

Fr. Tom spoke a little about the letter the Planning Group received from the Bishop. A response will have to be written, emphasizing that our merger took place 13 years ago and detailing the ways the Parish has tried to make the merger a clean one.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Junga, Office Administrator.