

Parish Council Minutes April 24, 2017

Susan Ford opened the meeting at 7pm in Room C. Brian led the opening prayer.

Minutes from the March 27th meeting were reviewed and correction noted for off going members to read- Chuck Snyder, Jacob and Cynthia.

Current items of interest : Fr Pakula

-House in Haiti project. Total amount met \$6000. \$3904 collected from various activities, remainder from individual parishioners donating to cause, social justice committee contribution and winterfest contributions for the remainder.

-Connie- parish secretary will be retiring soon. Plan to fill position with 3 part time secretaries.

-Bishop Jenky sent letter regarding preliminary stages of capital campaign.

Focus on new candidates to priesthood and deacon life

Catholic schools filled with students

Thriving parish

Finance committee report: Nicole

ADA appeal sent out

Preliminary budget reviewed. Committee reviewing ongoing increasing costs/bills and income discrepancy.

FACTS program should start this spring.

Anticipate good enrollment for kindergarten class in fall. Unsure of loss to fall 6th grade class.

Winterfest totals \$18,158.31 down approx \$800 from last year.

Winterfest Update by AJ and Dave Wolak

Handouts reviewed included this past year leadership and upcoming year committee leadership needs.

Reviewed parish data that indicated 20.9% participation by parishioners in this event.

Reviewed numbers of crafters down by 3 this past year and approximate attendance of 400.

Reviewed Spaghetti Supper Data and breakdown of the financials over the last 3 years of all events.

Ideas discussed by parish council for possibilities going forward

Talent show, increasing meal prices, offering ½ portion options, bags tournament, combining vendors and direct sales in one area.

Committee sees need for an Evolution not a Revolution and possible changes for next year. Leadership by AJ and Dave Wolak for one more year.

New Parish Council Candidates update: Cynthia Wells

Currently have 5 names. Deadline is May 1st, orientation is May 8th.

Stewardship board: John-summary by Susan

Marilyn Boardman and Joe Wyffels to get him ideas of 1-2 hour job needs for liturgy assistance, building and grounds. Remains in process

Standing Committee reports

Cynthia and Chuck:

Admin& planning: Discussed Facebook utilization and needing 3-5 people to lead. Leigh and Deb Matten request waiting until after Car Party to address. Brian plans to discuss with them in next month.

Haiti project: Information did not get out to various church committees in timely manner. Discussed need to have liaisons communicate to chairs via e-mail more timely.

Mission Statement Discussion: Placed on HOLD for this meeting.

Brian & Connor:

Youth Faith Formation Team

Discussed possibility of having a “witness” do a 5 minute presentation at some time in Mass.

Spiritual vibrancy is present at the school & through the youth

Adoration Wednesday nights is great way to refresh mid week. Discussing if date and time best to maximize involvement of parishioners.

Discussed possibly moving to one faith formation team instead of youth and adult separate at present a redundant committee.

VBS in works for June 12th.

Discussed continuing office issues with computer system speed and loading websites as well as sound system issues. For updated council the Dave Wolak will attend the next office staff meeting and it will be discussed at that time.

Concerns raised that not enough parishioners were able to see the ADA video.

Follow up Required: Will be added to top of council minutes and minutes will be out earlier to council members. This will increase expectation and time management for project/ideas prior to next meeting.

Discussed Goals for council for upcoming year:

John :Goals could be tied to our mission statement.

Goal ideas: Increase volunteerism, increase participation, opportunities of winterfest.

Chuck S.: Our goals could correlate with Bishops appeal

Brian: Possibility of having a “witness” at Mass Fr. Discussed possibilities of where in Mass (beginning or end). Similar to when others speak ie. Financial renewal time.

Cynthia: volunteer ideas “year of stewardship”

Joyce study on the Mass. Clarified that presently only homily to be given by priest or deacon, but no time limit to length of homily. Will discuss more with Fr. Pakula

Reviewed Women at the Well needs for Thursday night- Nancy Shot contact person

Follow up item for next meeting - Parish council goals for next year.

Next meeting set for May 22nd. Cynthia Wells liturgist.

Minutes by Nicole Reisner