

Parish Council Minutes

July 16, 2018

Members Present : Fr. Pakula, Sue, Mark, Ryan, Chuck, Shannon, Joyce, Audrey, Ken, Jon, Nicole, Brian, Jennifer Higgins, Jim Ries

Opening Prayer: Chuck. Then there was a brief introduction of current and new members.

June Minutes: June minutes approved with a minor corrections: Under Fr.'s notes, it should read Finance Council (not Committee) and ADA should read “has about \$57,000 in pledges, still short; this is always a long process.”

Today's Agenda: Standing Committee Reports: Nicole had sent her report on Youth Formation in early and went over it briefly. (see report). Jon & Sheila met with Adult Faith Formation group and Jon gave the report. Mark the gave the report on the Prayerful Service Groups.

Winterfest and the Welcoming Committee: Discussion and a lot of questions. What is the goal of Winterfest? Funds?, working together? The monies have been used for special projects and have been very helpful, but that wasn't the original goal. What is the next step? The question was asked who decides if no one volunteers, does it inevitably get canceled? Much discussion about who this is for? Who would work and or come” Should we keep it the same or something different for younger families? Fr. thought is was a both/and rather than an either/or. Not either young or older but maybe something for the young and something for older parishioners. Discussed the parish/diocese alcohol policy. When have to decide? Soon? The Parish Council is a think tank on this project. Tabled until August meeting and someone will bring the Diocesan alcohol policy. Welcoming committee also tabled until August.

Discernment of new officers: Chair – Shannon
Vice-Chair – Mark
Secretary – Nicole

Items of Interest: Fr. Pakula

- ◆ ADA has \$67,000 pledged; confident that it is coming along pretty well.
- ◆ No increase in health insurance premiums.
- ◆ Property/ liability insurance actually a little less.
- ◆ Youth Formation search: Confirmation – maybe a couple people as a team; High School Youth leader – a maybe; CCD coordinator – still searching.
- ◆ Strategic Planning Facilitator is from St. Ambrose – Plans having 6 focus groups on 3 Sundays (Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23). Groups from School, Staff, inactive, etc. Will have general meetings including Parish Council and staff on Oct. 18 & Nov. 15. Will look at goals.
- ◆ School – only 4 coming back to 6th grade for sure, 4 undecided. 24 Kindergarten with 15 new families, 8 non-catholic.

Updates

Witness Selection Keep them coming.

Mass Journal – Brian – These are from Matthew Kelly who encourages a mass journal. Take away one thing from each Mass – reading, homily, visiting after, as a challenge or guidance for the week. If we order over 6, they are \$2. apiece. See the possibility. Are we interested? Give away or invite to take one. Connect to witness talks somehow? Report back. Brian was asked about Fr. Larry Richards as a speaker. They are still working on that. He would give a seminar (to the men) at no risk of cost to the parish. Group looking at dates, topics, etc.

Follow-up Required:

Explanatory masses – Ryan met with Dc. Larry. It is a work in progress, he will report back.

Shannon thanked Sue, Ryan and Brian for their 3 years of service.

Next Meeting: Monday August 20th at 7 p.m.

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Nicole

Closing Prayer – Chuck

Submitted by Audrey Honzel, recording secretary.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.