

Parish Council Minutes May 22, 2017

Meeting opened at 7 p.m. by Sue Ford in Meeting Room C. Cynthia led the opening prayer. Present were Fr. Mike, Sue Ford, Jon McAvoy, Chuck LoGiudice, Cynthia Wells, Ryan Wilson, Brian Seals, Nicole Reisner, Matthew Ganson, Joyce Webb, Chuck Snyder, Audrey Honzel.

The April Minutes were approved with one correction: the spelling of Nancy Schott's name.

Fr. Mike's current items of interest:

- ✘ School is over.
- ✘ Peoria is talking about another capital campaign, they will be sending out a survey about it.
- ✘ Working on the budget, has about an \$8,000. deficit. Are tweaking it.
- ✘ There is a need to work on the brick around the building – getting estimates.
- ✘ Maridan Angelo (religious ed coordinator) is leaving soon. Deciding on what to do to replace her.
- ✘ Deacon Harley Chaffee will retire at the end of June. He is still doing Pastoral Care and some masses, just not on regular Sunday schedule.

Finance Committee Report:

- ✘ ADA pledges coming in very well.
- ✘ Brick issues – discussing
- ✘ General funds lower – endowment funds to help
- ✘ Received gift of \$23,000.00 probably going to Capital Improvement Fund.
- ✘ Patti Gretemen (serving a term and a half) will be leaving the F.C. Would like a lady to replace her on the F.C. Suggestions.

Updates:

Selection Committee: Cynthia and Jon - need 3 people to replace 3 people; selection committee will meet and make the announcement by June 11. The July meeting will be the last meeting for retiring members and first meeting for new members. Both are to attend the July meeting.

Stewardship Board: Jon – Has some pictures to put on the board to show what can be done by parishioners. 7 or 8 items. Some are already being worked on. Got most from Marilyn and Joe. Need to find a place for the Board where it can be left permanently. Will see how it goes. The updating piece is hard to figure out, as well as accountability (who has what chore, etc.) WILL TRY IT!

Facebook – Brian – Not done. Will set up meeting after VBS.

Praise Jam – Brian – Meeting on Tuesday night. Working on details, will ask for volunteers and kitchen crew. Date is July 16.

Witness at Mass; Video on Website/Ongoing PowerPoint

Council members or Standing Committee reps ??

Need a plan if we decide to pursue: cost outlays, maintenance, subject matter??

Discussion: this came from standing committee meetings. Need a plan to pursue this, someone come up with a plan so council can look at it and go. Anyone interested? Brian can try to get people to work on Witness at Mass. Parish Council can encourage or discourage, rather than a direct yes or no. need scope set, boundaries. Brian will roll with it.

Standing committees will meet again September/October.

Computer system – needs and maintenance of system still being investigated.

Winterfest – Invite Dave and A. J. Wolak to September meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL GOALS FOR COMING YEAR:

See attached Growing in Faith Together: Pastoral Planning for the Diocese of Peoria Project Goals from the original planning in 2011. Chuck Synder took those goals and our goals and worked on the included “Thoughts for Discussion” for the Council. The goals for discussion are 1) invite the Parish Deacons to discuss how effectively we as a parish are achieving our Parish Mission, 2) Invite representatives of the Cluster Parish Councils to meet with us to share and learn from each other. 3) Review opportunities and make recommendations to further strengthen Faith Formation and Stewardship efforts. 4) Review and make recommendations to improve the organization and structure of the various Standing Committees to enhance synergies and leverage efforts between the various groups and ministries. Can use the SMART system: specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, time-sensitive.

There was much discussion. How to share our own spiritual vibrancy? How would it work out? Cluster parishes meet some how? How do we get the pulse of the parish? Personal invitation, increase awareness, are we vibrant? Are we doing Christ's work? Do we accept these goals? Do we have action plans under goals? Are we doing them? Right now in a circular discussion. Need to define and put closure on them. The above goals were Father Mike's. Sue's were the connectedness and then personal goals of the P.C. Others included power point and general fun activities of the parish. We need to separate action items from goals. Rewrite goals with action steps. Do at next agenda meeting, Brian will make a draft to work from.

So using the original Gift plan will work on goals, who, by, etc. Need a format that consistent and has accountability.

Follow-Up required:

Brian – Goals

Jon – Stewardship Board

Matthew – ideas for fun

PowerPoint – where put? Who do it?

Next meeting: Monday July 24

Liturgist – Ryan

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Audrey Honzel, recording secretary

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.