

## Parish Council Minutes

February 26, 2018

**Members Present :** Fr. Pakula, Sheila, Sue, Mark, Ryan, Chuck, Shannon, Jon, Brian, Joyce, Audrey

**Opening Prayer:** Shannon

**January Minutes:** Approved with one correction: Brick work total bill is \$140,000. Partial payment made; balance will be paid when work is finished in the spring.

**Today's Agenda:** Vibrancy discussion:

<https://aleteia.org/blogs/deacon-greg-kandra/how-can-you-get-families-to-come-to-mass-check-out-what-at-this-parish-did/#.WnCy3qPuTZU.email>

General discussion: We already do witness talks. What else can we do? They send weekly e-mails to parishioners with the Gospel of the week and an invitation to join them. We have e-mails for 68% of the parish as of a year ago. Who do it? When? Shannon will figure out a prototype and bring back to us.

Personal visits. Explanatory masses – why we do what we do at Mass? Done in little segments. Could also put this in Sharing and bulletin. In homilies? At end of Mass? Ryan will get the presentation of the Mass from Leigh and look through it and bring back to us.

**Items of Interest:** Fr. Pakula

- ◆ Replacing the air conditioners in June - \$107,000.
- ◆ ADA – Pledges were over in 2017; still short \$1200. in payments.
- ◆ ADA – 2018 – still discussing with Diocese- get a 40% break because of the school, but if we pay more than 50% toward school, we get 50% break. So working on that.
- ◆ Cluster Parishes - Will continue to send information about our parish to them for their bulletins and continue to publish their information in our bulletins. We will do the little things for now so that we are aware of each other.
- ◆ WinterFest 2018 – even with the unfavorable weather, it was considered a success. Made around \$13,000 or 14,000. Next year? No volunteers yet.
- ◆ Liturgy Committee – Had specific request– Holy Thursday would like 3 council members to be Gift Bearers at Mass – Susan, Mark & Shannon volunteered. Chuck will lector. Then had a general request – They are getting older and looking for help in general during the Triduum. Could P.C. Members help as a group or individually? Volunteered to help on Good Friday morning at 9 a.m. (Brian, Jon, Mark, Sue, Joyce).
- ◆ Two pot-lucks coming up - Thursday, March 1 at 5 p.m. for Dream House graduation; and Saturday, March 10, after 5 p.m. Mass with Fr. Steve Pawelk, pastor of St. Teresa of Kolkata, our sister parish. Let Betty Palaski know, everyone is welcome.
- ◆ Social Justice Committee long range planning asked how they have access to the Parish Council? Through Standing Committee leader or anyone on Council. Jon will reach out to them.

**Updates on Youth -** Both absent because of school activities.

**Future Meetings** - Next meeting invite Deacons Art, Robert & Mike to discuss vibrancy.

Standing Committee Meetings ( Needs for Stewardship board; Names of possible witnesses; Deacons response to vibrancy; WinterFest ideas).

New Council Members – Terms done for Ryan, Brian & Sue. Team to lead Committee to start the process for new members: Ryan, Brian, Jon, Sue.

**Items from Council:**

Witness Selection – Names suggested; young and old. Contacts will be made by Parish Council members personally. If get someone be sure and let others know and also the office. (the commentator needs to know someone is talking at the end of Mass.)

**Follow-up Required:**

Witness Selection – Continue search

Shannon will do prototype

Ryan will talk to Leigh

New members

Members meet Good Friday, March 30, 9 a.m. in church, to help Liturgy Committee.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

**Liturgist for Next Meeting:** Jon

**Closing Prayer:** Shannon

Submitted by Audrey Honzel, recording secretary.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.