

Parish Council Minutes

January 22, 2018

Members Present : Fr. Pakula, Sheila, Sue, Mark, Ryan, Chuck, Shannon, Nicole, Brian, Audrey

Guests Present: Deacons Harley, Tom & Larry; Leigh

Opening Prayer: Chuck led us in “The Prayer of St. Francis”

November Minutes: Approved with one correction: next meeting would be Jan. 2018.

Deacons Invited to share what they feel is the State of Spiritual Vibrancy of the Parish.

- ◆ Isn't this an individual thing?
- ◆ Or a private thing? My spirituality and don't want or need to go out with it/my own faith.
- ◆ Maybe both. It can be a delicate tightrope to walk.
- ◆ We lead by example. We can be both private and a community.
- ◆ Openness to people who need us/ how we treat one another, shows how accepting we can be to others. Love one another.
- ◆ How to encourage this? How to recognize it? Maybe have to be open to seeing it in others and ourselves.
- ◆ Can we rise to fill a need when it happens; respond in a positive way.
- ◆ We have in-home ministry; pastoral care. Seem to be doing well, but can always be a little bit better.
- ◆ Recognize it in others and acknowledge them.
- ◆ People need to be asked.
- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ General discussion: we, as a PC hear the community saying that we need more people to help; people who sacrifice because they feel God is calling them to do this. How do we get that internal spark going? Maybe asking the wrong question. Maybe we need to let some things go. Do we need more committees or less? We are still working on what is our job as a Parish Council? What attracts? Someone else's joy, zeal, fire. As we or they focusing on Christ, or encountering Christ, they attract. We are a work in progress.

Leigh on Evangelization: Leigh has been reading Forming Intentional Disciples, has made a Healing and Evangelization retreat and is thinking of a healing ministry. This involves setting up a healing ministry with others, praying with others who are ill, and a street ministry. She passed out a brochure on the St. Paul Street Evangelization. There is training involved and you would have to have people ready to mentor and walk with them on their journey. She handed out several items for the council members to look at including “Thresholds of Discipleship”, and a “Cultural Snapshot Inventory” which she asked us to do and to return to her. This might help her/us decide what needs to be done.

Items of Interest: Fr. Pakula

- ◆ Sound system is being repaired; spent \$3000, will probably spend \$1500 more.
- ◆ Brick work not finished. Paid \$140,000; will pay rest when done in spring.
- ◆ Building and grounds committee aware that air conditioner compressors need to be replaced.

They are good for 20 – 25 years and we are going on 29. Cost about \$120,000.

- ◆ ADA – about \$2000 short of goal but still more monies coming in
- ◆ WinterFest coming. No future chairs yet. This is the Wolaks last year. Will see what happens.
- ◆ Ash Wednesday/Lent – coming soon. Liturgy committee getting older. Don't feel they can do Easter again. Meet Thursday. May be less involved. Environment could change.
- ◆ Cluster meeting. Fr. will try to set something up with Fr. Engelbrecht. The vicariate is to meet about needs for the future and how we can help each other on Jan 30. Maybe can set something up then.
- ◆ Food Pantry – Going to open new building Jan 8, but not ready, then aimed for Jan 30. Now may just wait til spring.

Items from Council:

Witness Selection – Janelle Pettit will be doing the next weekend. Looking at February and then the future months. Selected a few possibles from the list Fr. sent out and added to the list. Mark will contact Feb. selection and let Ryan know.

Future Meetings:

Church Security – Come back with ideas/or questions.

Witness Selection

Comments: John Paul II Retreat went well. Students said it was good. Those from 8 to 10th grade. 37 students, 28 from Geneseo. Need to get this age group. Brian on the team; Nicole's daughter attended.

Next Meeting: Monday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Shannon

Closing Prayer: Chuck

Submitted by Audrey Honzel, recording secretary.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.