

Parish Council Minutes

April 23, 2018

Members Present : Fr. Pakula, Sheila, Sue, Mark, Ryan, Chuck, Shannon, Brian, Joyce, Audrey, Nicole, Deacon Robert O'Rourke

Opening Prayer: Sheila

February Minutes: Approved.

Today's Agenda: Vibrancy discussion with Deacon Robert. He feels that we are a pretty vibrant parish, but we could be better. We have an abundance of activities, we are building community and the next step is to take what we have and give it away/share it. Could be more focus on younger areas. Again he said that we need to take it out, focus on Jesus Christ, and share it by how we live our life, what we say and what we do. Also asked about how we measure this vibrancy. Attendance is one way.

Talked about the paschal mystery, everyday sacrifice of self, big and little things, living, dying, rising every day; we are already doing it.

Liturgy Committee – Welcoming Program for new parishioners. Is part of their program. They are glad to help but not their responsibility alone. No one is doing it now. It falls under Adult Faith and they will talk to the Standing Committee. They are packets for the old committee and Robert will revisit the packets and see what they contain. Will keep on the agenda.

Praise Jam – Rain Back Up – Had been discussed during break between Feb and this meeting. Agreed that we could do it but find that it will not be necessary this year as they Methodist Church is the host and they will provide the rain back up.

Items of Interest: Fr. Pakula

- ◆ May prayer breakfast will be May 3 at 7a.m., cost is \$15.00.
- ◆ Food Pantry Open House from 2 -4 on Saturday, April 28.
- ◆ Liturgy Committee thanks Parish Council members for their help on Good Friday. Sorry they didn't get to be gift bearers as planned.
- ◆ Finance Committee is bringing up whether WinterFest should be continued or not? Who would do it? Parish Council should lead this discussion. Put on agenda.
- ◆ ADA for next year is up about \$10,000 from last year. Robert showed the video about the ADA from Peoria.

Updates

Witness Selection/Protocol – Decided should be a master list in the office – Shannon will take care of that. There has been positive feed back on the talks. Not the 3rd weekend of May. Council member who asks someone to witness should coordinate with the office. There also should be an item in the commentator's notes so they know someone will be speaking. Talked about names, maybe include a new confirmand.

Weekly Emails - Shannon - Shannon will set up a weekly email – do on Thursday before the weekend. She will email to Jessica who will forward it on.

Explanatory Masses - Shannon & Ryan - Mass explanation – why we do what we do? Do we want to do it? Announce before Mass by commentator (not during Mass). Also put in bulletin. Committee: Shannon, Ryan, Brian, Nicole (Ryan will ask Dc. Larry to help).

Future Meetings -

Jon – Reach out to Social Justice Committee

Standing Committee Meetings/Agenda Items – Do we want to do now or wait for new members/ decided now (by June 18) – at least contact them. On agenda: input on WinterFest, if not, what do you want to see? Welcoming, weekly email, witness suggestions, explanatory masses. Ryan will send out an agenda.

Items from Council:

Mark talked about better connection with Atkinson. Chuck has a presentation on his trip to Israel – can he set up some Sunday between masses? OK. Brian has a connection with Fr. Larry Richards, if he can set up a one-day retreat, is OK? Yes. Fr. would like us to revisit the Stewardship Board, which has been down for awhile and needs to be active again.

Follow-up Required:

Witness Selection – Continue search

Welcoming Committee

WinterFest Discussion

Mass Explanation

Standing Committee meetings

Stewardship Board

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m.

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Mark

Closing Prayer – Sheila led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Audrey Honzel, recording secretary.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.