

## Parish Council Meeting Notes - September 21, 2015

Opening prayer – Cynthia Wells led us in praying the rosary.

The previous meeting minutes had been emailed prior and were approved by the council.

Fathers notes:

- 150 anniversary planning committee – already have 5 people, still looking for 2 more.
- The Notre Dame Glee Club will perform at St. Malachy's on October 24.
- Connie Park would like to start working only 3 days/week starting in January. Looking for someone to supplement Connie's time.
- Father read a letter from the St. Thomas Aquinas Guild of the Q.C. regarding withholding business from the Blackhawk hotel due to the hotel holding a Planned Parenthood conference.

Finance Update – Jon McAvoy

- The Paraclete fund provides \$30,000 to the school every year. The Finance Council would like to see if the Parents Club could help supplement a portion of this amount with any surplus funds.
- The on-line giving system is close to be operational. More to come.

Involvement Survey Results – Chuck Snyder.

- There was a lot of variation in what people believed to be the primary function of the standing committees.
- Let us use this information to get all of us on the same page with what the groups do so we can make informed decisions on our next steps for alignment.
- We need a common approach to how the liaisons are going to interact with the standing committees.
- This should include a standard list of questions so we can receive consistent feedback from each group.

Do we need a liturgist? The council decided to rotate for the duties for now.

Do we need a consistent secretary?

- We have had it in the bulletin, but that has not yielded much interest.
- We talked about various options to get one from the parish, even potentially a high school student looking for a resume builder.
- We will put it in the bulletin again, but with more description on the position responsibilities.
- For now, we will rotate the responsibility.

Selection of Liaisons

- Each council member selected their top two choices as a liaison.
- Father recommended we have no more than two liaisons per group
- Liaison Results
  - Adult Faith Formation – Jacob Samuelson and Noah Sebastian
  - Youth Faith Formation – Brian Seals and Matthew Ganson
  - Prayerful Service Groups – Ryan Wilson and Cynthia Wells
  - Administrative and Planning – Charles LoGiudice and Nicole Reisner

- Liaisons will help create standing committees in each of the four groups above. This standing committee will be made up of representatives from each of the sub-groups within the formation teams.
- The sub groups are aware that this is coming – there were discussions about this when we still had the parish advisory board.
- The liaison's role is to help facilitate the standing committees and share the overall vision of the standing committee (expecting the standing committees to meet 3-4 times per year). We need to be careful on how we approach this so it doesn't seem like the Parish Council is directing what needs to be done.

Communication Plan for what we are doing in Parish Council.

- We will post Parish Council meeting minutes in Sharing and on the website.
- We will post the Parish Council agenda on the bulletin board and on the website.

Future Agenda

- Representatives from the Social Justice Committee will be at our October meeting.
- Cluster conversation – how do we approach the other parishes to gain more involvement.

Next Meeting

- Parish Council members are asked to prepare a list of questions that we would want to ask the standing committees. We will review these recommendations and develop the standard format to be used by the liaisons when they meet with their groups.
- Secretary for October – Ryan
- Liturgist for October – Jacob.