

Opening prayer – Brian Seals

Previous minutes approved - Sue Ford

Father's notes:

- Robert O'Rourke has been hired as the assistant administrator.
- 150 yr celebration committee
 - Social Justice Committee plans to have a monthly item capturing the 150 year theme. This month is collecting 150 packages of diapers for donations.
 - Discussion on creating a pictorial directory. There has been some interest but this is a big undertaking. There will be ads in the bulletin asking for help. Potential timeframe would be this fall.
 - Planning a Garden of Eden sale (no clothes) sometime during this summer/fall.
- Winterfest in 2 weeks – looking for help with carry-out.
- Lent – reconciliation on Wednesday's. There has been a request by Bishop Jenky to move the Wednesday 6:15 pm mass to Tuesday's.
- December was a good financial month. \$50K in donations and ADA pledges exceeded goal.

Standing committee updates

Adult Faith Formation - Matrix of questions. Jacob pulled together the results in a nice format that allows easy review of the strengths and gaps of the various groups. Planning on getting the standing committee's together 4 times per year. They created a group email for the standing committees. They also discussed if we could find a way to get all standing committees together once a year.

Youth Faith Formation – Had a similar matrix as Adult Faith Formation. The committees are having trouble getting structure around a set yearly schedule. They discussed creating a shared calendar to make finding open dates easier for all. The consistent message across the groups was "How do we get more involvement?"

Prayerful Service Groups – A lot of learning about different groups. Members are growing older and don't have enough younger participation. They all saw how the standing committees could help each other and see the potential to consolidate/help each other out. Plan to meet 3-4 times per year.

Administration and Planning – Attended the 150 yr committee meeting. They're in good shape. Planning on having 150 Anniversary placemats for coffees/Car Party/breakfasts. They have commissioned a bronze statue of St. Malachy. Nicole contacted St. Anthony's regarding the clusters. Annawan has a separate Parish Council from Atkinson. Nicole will contact them separately.

What's next?

- Identify some quick wins from the matrix where we can help the committees identify others that can help close gaps or build upon strengths.
- How do we help get more, younger people involved?

- The same small number of people doing a lot. Do we need personal invitations (tried that), stewardship fair (didn't generate much activity).
- People need to know where the help is needed. How do we best communicate?
- Do we want the council to drive the agenda for the next meetings or do we let the liaisons come up with their own agenda? We were very specific with the first meeting – do we need to do that again? After some discussion, we decided that yes we need to develop the agenda and identify specific needs. We still need an overall understanding across the groups of what the others are doing. Standing committee liaisons come up with the next round of questions for their next meeting agenda. We will review this in February.
- Should we bring in a group at each Parish Council meeting? Yes, plan for this going forward.
- We need to give the groups time to gather/pull information prior to the next standing committee meetings (**I had a note on this in my notes, but don't necessarily know if I captured this correctly**).
- We need the groups working together with each other instead of going through the Parish Council as the hub.
- Do all groups need to attend the standing committee meeting going forward? For now, invite everyone.

1 year committee members

Do we extend them for another 3 year term or do we carry through with the selection of potential new members after year 1 as stated in the by-laws?

- Stick with the by-laws and go with the selection committee plan for new candidates.
- Try to get two previous council members to be on the selection committee.

Liturgist for next time – Ryan Wilson

Closing Prayer – Brian Seals.

Subject to Approval at next meeting