

Parish Council Minutes

March 18, 2019

Members Present : Fr. Pakula, Mark, Chuck, Shannon, Joyce, Jennifer, Audrey, Nicole, Jim, Sheila, and visitor Karen Cathelyn

Opening Prayer: Mark

Minutes: February minutes approved with one addition. The minutes referred to the strategic planning report, so it was decided that should be added to the minutes.

Catholic Church Concerns: Karen Cathelyn approached the PC about the concerns of the Catholic Church partly because where else do you turn? She has been frustrated, embarrassed, etc. by what is going on with the abuses. What can we do? The Welcoming Committee is a good thing, to welcome all, even the marginalized. Why are we losing our young adults? Need to pray and be open minded. Told her it was good to hear opinions, she is not alone in this. We can't change the pillars the church is built on, but love and Christ are still at the center; and we all need to work on that with others.

Strategic Planning Sessions for Faith Formation Update – They are talking about an electronic device in the Narthex to display information. Ideas for information to include, how will this increase spiritual vibrancy (from 1 – 10). What will it do for our parish? Discussion about whether it is worth the investment. Doing this is a positive thing after the strategic planning meetings. Will range from \$2,000 to 6,000. Will be portable, maybe a projector and screen. Decided was a good idea, with many positive comments.

Parish Council Selection Committee – Mark and Nicole had some questions. How often announce at Mass about PC selection. Decided should be March 23 and April 6. Will be a box in the Narthex with recommendation forms. Their helper from the Parish is Donna Eechaute.

SummerFest: Jim Ries reported that they have approval for alcohol, will look at the guidelines and city rules. Tentatively set Sat, August 24 as the date with a bags tournament, a cook out, music, maybe Mass at 4 that day. Next on their agenda, music, who and cost.

Welcoming Committee: Chuck reported that they had a good first meeting. Set up another meeting for Sun, March 31. More at April meeting. The brochure need updating. Question about whether people could introduce themselves to others at the beginning of Mass, a way for people to get to know each other.

Items of Interest: Fr. Mike

- ✓ 1. Strategic planning for faith formation: Robert in process of securing a committee, three. Our present youth formation leaders are willing to continue next year: Bob Thoene, Deb Mattan, Erin Hofer, Kristin Wilson, Alisandre Rapps.
- 2. Lenten Reflections from 40 parishioners, a great response/ only about 10 booklets left
- 3. Trees for Haiti
Great beginning - \$812 from Ash Wednesday through Second Sunday of Lent (12 days) – 2436 trees.
- 4. Possible Christmas Mass schedule – 4 p.m./ 7 p.m./ 9 a.m. Put in bulletin for 2 weeks, no response – so will try it.
- 5. School preliminary projection for 2019-2020

1. K around 20
2. 6 around 10
6. ADA – 2018 final report. Goal \$84,593; Pledges \$88,428; Contributions \$87,898; Rebate \$3,305. Donors 252; last year 220.

ADA 2019 Goal: \$87,107 – increase of 2,514

For comparison: Princeton/St Louis - \$84,451

Annawan/Sacred Heart - \$16,163; Atkinson/St. Anthony - \$36,641
(their total – 52,804)

Witness Selection – Looking for future speakers, need suggestions. Leaders will be Brian Seals and Judy Kanke.

Items from Council: None

Future Meeting Ideas:

Standing Committee Meeting Updates – May

Explanatory Masses – Ryan Wilson/Deacon Larry

Yearly Report – Shannon will do.

Future Meetings: Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m.

Liturgist for Next Meeting: Shannon

Closing Prayer – Mark

Submitted by Audrey Honzel, recording secretary.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.