

## **Parish Council Minutes**

April 15, 2019

**Members Present :** Fr. Pakula, Chuck, Shannon, Joyce, Jennifer, Audrey, Nicole, Sheila, Mike, Kylee, Jon, Visitors: Ryan Wilson, Deacon Larry.

**Opening Prayer:** Shannon

**Minutes: March** minutes approved with two changes. The February minutes referred to the strategic planning report, so it was decided that should be added to the minutes. It was added to the web site. Asked that visitors be listed as such, not as members. In items from Fr. Mike, the strategic planning committee is gathering seven members, not three.

**Explanatory Masses:** Ryan Wilson and Dc. Larry. Ryan presented his report. This was all part of the original discussion on Parish vibrancy; people wanted the Mass explained more deeply. He used many sources and wrote it as a story. There are 30 paragraphs and they can be used separately, or all together. Can be in the bulletin, etc. So here it is, now giving it to the PC. How present it? Hand out one at a time, weekly e-mail. Dc. Larry added that Ryan did an excellent job; it has good wording, shows great knowledge of the Mass. Now just have to figure out how want to see it presented. Discussion followed. Do an audio and put on website, do parts in Sharing, focus on a part each week. Will have to make sure people know it's out there and where it can be accessed if interested. Wondered about a booklet, like the Lenten reflections. Maybe in the Welcoming Packet. Do at Mass somehow. Fr. prefers things at the beginning, doesn't like to interrupt mass. Homework is to read the report and think about this. Will talk about at the May Meeting.

**Parish Council Selection Committee** – Nicole said there are some suggestions in the box in the Narthex.

**SummerFest:** Jim Ries absent. Reported by e-mail that Shawn Easton will do the music for us for \$200. Jon said that Brian Seals will help with set-up, but can't help that day. Date: Sat, August 24 with a bags tournament, a cook out, music, maybe Mass at 4 that day.

**Welcoming Committee:** Chuck & Nicole – Chuck reported that they had a meeting last night. They got lists of new members from 2017 and 2018. Figured 2017 are pretty well integrated already, but will contact those from 2018 and see if they would like to be visited. Will work on a spread sheet with new registrants and the committee member visiting them. Still have to put together a Welcome Packet and want to redo the brochure, update the information. They ask others to consider: having the commentator ask new members or visitors to stand up before Mass so others can introduce themselves; have ushers with name tags and take a more active role in shaking hands and welcoming; have welcome committee members in narthex with name tags, welcoming. Are looking at having a welcoming coffee, eventually. Trying to do things in order, not all at once.

**Items of Interest:** Fr. Mike

1. ADA just starting and have a dozen or so pledges. Will show the video from Peoria after his remarks.
2. Strategic Planning Committee. Dc. Robert has 6 members, looking for 7. They will formulate a plan and then implement it. Plans first meeting early in May.
3. No follow up on TV in Narthex yet. Costs from \$2000 to 6000, depending on the

- software. Need someone to be able to do it.
4. Trees for Haiti - received over \$2340. That's 7000 trees.
  5. Aunt Mary's Storybook Project for incarcerated parents – Will do Mother's Day weekend
  6. May 23, Social Justice and Just Faith are presenting a program on Human Trafficking – to make everyone more aware of the issue.
  7. Ambry put up today. Burt Gramling made it and with help of Jerry Frimml and Vern Sherbeyn put it up. It is a cabinet to keep the holy oils. The guidelines say that they should be in a public place.
  8. Watched the ADA video.

**Items from Council:** WinterFest – Date February 15, 2020. Shannon will Chair with others, not PC.

Suggest reach out to someone you think might be a good council member, encourage them to volunteer.

Question about witnessing in April? Shannon will check with Brian and Judy.

**Future Meeting Ideas:**

Standing Committee Meeting Updates – May meeting – Asked what is to be done at those meetings. Jon will throw together an agenda. Usually start with what the PC is doing, get opinions on that; and then what can we do for you and your committee. Mostly listening.

Yearly Report – Shannon will do.

**Future Meetings: Monday, May 20 at 7 p.m.**

**Liturgist for Next Meeting:** Jennifer

**Closing Prayer – Shannon**

Submitted by Audrey Honzel, recording secretary.

Minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting.