

Parish Council minutes

Date: September 25, 2018

Present: Father Schalk, Deacon Pete Labita, Carol Cuahonte, Tim Foley, Maggie Ketcham, Connie Clapgood, Victor Rodriquez, Mark Meadows, Cathy Adamescu, Elaine Crumb, Jessica Ayala

Excused: Virginia Blandon, Renita Messmer, Lisset Mendoza, Claudia Costilla

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Pastor's Report

Focus for Parish Council this year – Stewardship and Security.

Stewardship – focus on the specific topic of Treasure. Want to implement something new. This office is doing a better job is being done of tracking the contribution patterns of parishioners. The Idea is to understand who the donors are and how to approach changes in contributions. First proposal is for parishioners is to give electronically. It makes the budget better to project for the year. Propose to ask for an increase for the electronic users who already are giving. Is your gift to the church already in your household budget? Letters to the parishioner would be different for each style of giving. St John Newman is going to share their best practices next week. The contribution letters will use various templates to communicate the request for an increase. The letters will concentrate on the English speaking side first and then the Spanish speaking side.

Envelopes – would like to delete for those who are giving to the parish electronically. But there are extra collections envelopes. These extra envelopes are from the USCCB = US Conference of Catholic Bishops. More parishes are looking at the average amount the extra envelopes are bringing in to the collection. A check can be cut to the fund directly to take care of the extra collections and the envelopes can be eliminated. Details are not worked out but discussions are still occurring.

There is a Capital campaign for the new Bishop Griffin Center in progress now. This is the silent phase of the campaign. There will be an announced campaign diocesan wide after the silent phase is completed.

Security— this year we will get cameras for the church. We have to support the ushers and train new ushers for the English Masses. Develop a job description and training for the ushers. Create a manual of what an usher does, what to wear, what their function for each mass. Open to women and the Spanish speaking community for ushering. The greatest concern is the church in the evening hours. What can be done to be a presence in the evening so people feel safe? Father locks the doors when the last event is over. The church building is being used each evening. Someone would need to be present from 5pm to 9pm. The security would be able to check the building to make sure it is empty. Also to supervise that no harm is coming to children who are brought by parents. Need to train ourselves to be more secure by being aware of our surroundings. Need to review medical training for emergencies. Recruiting new volunteers for usher training.

Month of November – For Stewardship month: weekly outreach requesting recruiting for the various needs of the parish. Do we use a weekly attachment in the bulletin? Need different voices to speak on security. Personal testimonies on Christ the King by parishioners. Using people in the parish who have been impacted by the parish. Can prepare a testimony and put it on the website—get people used to going to the website.

How to communicate to the parishioners. Send an email blast to the parish. Put something on the bulletin boards to advertise the website.

Four weekends in November. Ask for more ushers the first weekend of November. Second weekend talk about security and things we can do. Victor Rodriguez will present. Third weekend – communication, give us your email, and check out the website. Fourth weekend—Thanksgiving weekend - On the Feast of Christ the King, have a testimony or two about how the parish has impacted you.

Committee Reports – no reports for the first meeting of the council year

- All Saints Report (Athletics, HASSA, School Board)
- Clubs/Associations (Black Catholic Ministries, Knights of Columbus, Women’s Club, Family Life) Have Virginia Hardy feed information to Connie Claprood about coming events.
- Service /Outreach (BREAD, Bishop Griffin Center, St Vincent de Paul) –donation for October toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Finance and Maintenance
- Fundraising
- Appalachia Group

Old Business—electronic giving for all parish collections. See the Pastor’s notes.

New Business

Feast of Christ the King – November 25, 2018. Need to nominate two people, bring names of people for Father to consider for the Servant of Christ the King award. Give the names to Tim Foley and he will give to Father.

Social concerns chairperson/respect life coordinator – Renita Messmer has volunteered for this position. Citywide efforts. Will table this month until Renita is available.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: October 23, 2018 6:30pm

Submitted by Connie Claprood