

Parish Council Meeting: January 19, 2015

- 1) Opening prayer and formation on Blessed Junipero Serra
- 2) Review of Minutes
 - a. The minutes of the December 8, 2014 meeting were approved
- 3) Staff Report
 - a. FOCUS
 - i. SEEK 2015: The National FOCUS conference, January 1- 5 2015 in Nashville, aprox. 9000 attendees
 1. We took 33 students from EMU
 2. Stephanie with email student testimonials of their SEEK experiences to parish council members
 - ii. Bible Studies
 1. 9 students will be hosting bible studies by the end of the semester
 2. 22 total bible studies
 - iii. Continue to keep the missionaries and all students in your prayers
 - b. Catholic Urban Project
 - i. Had a booth at SEEK 2015, had 175 students sign up to get more information and show interest in applying, talked one on one with many particularly interested students
 - c. Schola Artium
 - i. The Christmas concert was a success with 150 people in attendance
 - ii. Schola has started back up for the semester, the kids doing well
 - iii. Stephanie is working with Pastor Powell at Grace Fellowship Church on recruitment for Schola
 - d. If any parish council members have any questions about any of the staff or what they do, please ask or email Stephanie
- 4) Pastor Report
 - a. Fr. Joseph
 - i. Fr. Joseph has taken a job at the University of Michigan hospital as a chaplain, and has been assigned to St. John's to assist with weekend help.
 - ii. We are very happy to have him back!
 - b. Student Parish Council Member(s)
 - i. The charter states that the parish council needs one or two student members to be on the council, and that is in the process of happening, Fr. Bob is conferring with Heidemarie Petersen (campus minister) and Rachel Holmes (FOCUS missionary) to pick students.
 - c. Stewardship/Fundraising
 - i. "The Spirituality of Fundraising" by Henri Nouwen
 1. Fr. Bob and the parish staff have read this book, it is passed out to the parish council members for them to read and it will be discussed at

future parish council meetings, is about the spirituality of giving and asking for money.

2. Fr. Bob will preach on generosity and stewardship in his homilies in the upcoming months/ Lent
3. A ask letter will be sent out to the parish during Lent

d. Neighborhood outreach

- i. St. John's not really able to do big parish festival, but would love to have community building events
- ii. This summer, hold several "Neighborhood Masses" on the yards of parishioners and/or in local parks and have hot dogs cooked out.
- iii. We want parishioners in neighborhoods to meet and know their Catholic neighbors more, build community, also potentially invite other non-Catholic neighborhood members, evangelization opportunity, etc.

5) Other Parish Business

a. Parish Mission Statement

- i. Parish council does need to come up with a mission statement for the parish
- ii. Subcommittee formed to discuss ideas and come up with options and present them to the parish council

b. Parish Directory

- i. A good idea, but our parish is still in such a state of flux with the mergers that it would be appropriate to wait a little while before looking to complete one

6) Next Meeting

- a. Set for Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

7) Closing Prayer