

St. Veronica Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2015
7:15 pm-8:10pm
Assisi Meeting Room

Attendees:

E Pastor, Fr. Mark Payne	X Fr. Britto
X Co-Chairperson/Welcome, Robin Decker	X Co-chairperson, Jay Kleczka
E Secretary/STAA Finance, Judi Caruso	X Prayer Worship, Kathy Kaiser
E Trustee Treasurer, Ken Widenski	X Outreach Liaison, Robbin Hassel
E Trustee Secretary, Don Schaewe	X Stewardship, Judith Schenk
X Christian Formation, Terrie Cavender	X Stewardship representative, Eric Schmidt
X APC, Bruce Davie	

(X Present E Excused A Absent)

1-Opening prayer by Fr. Britto

2-The agenda was approved without changes. Motion to approve by Judith and seconded by Kathy.

3-The February Minutes were amended to correct the attendance. Fr. Mark, Robin, Don, and Terrie were present at February's meeting. A motion to approve was made by Robbin and seconded by Jay.

4-Old Business

- Jay announced that the Veronica Voice will be printed again by LPI and will not require additional fundraising.

5-New Business

- Terrie stated that she would table a discussion of "Brewing the Faith" until a future Council meeting.
- Robin stated that 28 new parishioners attended our most recent "Welcome Sunday"
- Council discussed potential changes to our Parish, especially in regards to the redistricting and cluster changes of June 2016
 1. Terrie asked if Implementation of the 2016 plan begins at St. Veronica or with our entire cluster
 2. Terrie questioned if it was wise to "waste" 2015, a year that could be spent planning
 3. Jay stated that the masses should have been removed in 2012, but that this was never implemented. Suggested that unpopular decisions were avoided.
 4. Judith questioned how the aging buildings of our cluster might be maintained with limited resources.
 5. Fr. Britto mentioned that accounting practices are not comingled at cluster churches
 6. Terrie & Judith emphasized the importance of message, communication, and tone in how we convey the Cluster changes to our Parishioners.
 7. Fr. Britto said that Parishioners are the strength of the community, and Parishioners have the ability to keep our Church strong
 8. Kathy asked if we might look to South Milwaukee's cluster Parishes for guidance.
 9. Jay stated that he will contact Mark Kemiter(?) at the Archmil to see what guidance they can provide for us.

- Kathy and Robbin asked that the Taste of the Town Committee not sign their letters from “Fr. Mark & the Committee” – Terrie will address at next TOTT Committee meeting
- Jay requested that the “Prayer for the Mission of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee” be added to our website & Kathy suggested the prayer be added to the back cover of our Songbooks.
- Jay suggested that strong new Council members are needed considering the changes to our Parish and cluster/Kathy mentioned that open-minded, positive people are needed for Council
 1. Letter for new Council candidates appeared in last bulletin
 2. No expiring terms this year, but 3 position are available

6-Representative Reports

- Bruce discussed the District 14/15 Reconnect meeting and distributed Synod Implementation Handbooks to the Council.
- Judith stated that Financial Renewal forms went out as planned, and she will check with Mary regarding response. Time & Talent Renewal will take place in May.

7-(No Pastor’s Report)

8- Closing prayer-Jay

9- Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Schmidt