

MINUTES

St. Veronica Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

6:30 P.M.

Youth Meeting Room

Attendees:

X Pastor, Fr. Carmelo Giuffre

X Chairperson – Eric Schmidt

X Christian Formation/Sec. Terrie Cavender

X Trustee Treasurer, Ken Widenski

X Trustee Secretary, Don Schaewe

X Worship, Lillian Ciske

X Present E Excused A Absent

X Vice Chairperson – Jenny Francis

E Robbin Hassel

X Stewardship, Judith Schenk

X Human Concerns, Mary Thiry

1. Opening/Prayer by Lillian.
2. A motion was made by Don and seconded by Jenny to approve the September, 2016 minutes.
3. A motion was made by Judith and seconded by Mary to approve the agenda.
4. Old Business:
 - Council Meeting with NOTL
 - Fr. Carmelo would like the Parish Councils from NOTL and S.V. to get together for an informal meeting. All are in favor of meeting. Eric will continue to reach out to the Chair of NOTL's Parish Council. It was suggested that perhaps a date in December would be a good time to meet. Eric and Fr. Carmelo will continue to work on this.
 - Communication
 - There was a discussion regarding the process of getting information to Parish staff to be put on the website or for pulpit announcements. It was decided that this will be an ongoing item for discussion at our meetings, as communication between parishioners and committees/ministries/council and staff, etc. is important and there are always ways to improve this area.
 - Parish Council Members:
 - We are still in need of new council members. Council is encouraged to speak with interested parishioners and pass their name, telephone number and/or email addresses to Fr. Carmelo so he can contact them.
 - We need to find a representative for A.P.C. Fr. Carmelo advised that meetings are held quarterly. There was a brief discussion regarding parish council members splitting the remaining meetings until a permanent representative can be found.

- Envisioning Meeting:
 - Will be held on October 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in Johnson Hall.
 - A morning meeting was recently held at Sacred Heart. There were about 10 people in attendance.
 - To date there are 41 parishioners signed up to attend our Envisioning Meeting.
 - Facilitators are asked to arrive at 6:15. Facilitators were advised the hardest part of facilitating will be to keep everyone at their table on task. Mary went through the agenda for the Envisioning Meeting.

5. New Business:

- Church Sound System:
 - Lillian shared information with council on the Hearing Loop. There was a brief discussion regarding the Hearing Loop and other ideas and options for improving the sound system in church; who would benefit; and who we should reach out to for further information, costs, etc. Improving our sound system will be added to our Long Term Goals.
- Security:
 - Fr. Carmelo advised that security concerns of the parish were being addressed.
 - Fr. Carmelo advised that he has had a meeting ushers and they will open church doors one hour before mass and doors will be closed approximately 15 minutes after mass.
- Long Term Goals:
 - Work on our relationship with NOTL.
 - Stewardship
 - Town Hall Meeting
- Short Term Goals:
 - Picnic next summer hosted by both NOTL and St. Veronica.
 - Communication: From Parish staff to Parish Council; Communication to parishioners through use of parish website and town hall meetings. Improve parish website – what type of content should be included.
 - Long and Short Term Goals will become standing items on agenda.

6. Representative's Reports:

- Human Concerns
 - No committee report at this time. However, Mary advised that official meetings will start in January, 2017.
- Stewardship
 - Judith gave brief outlook for Stewardship after Envisioning Meeting is completed. (results of Envisioning Meeting; Financial Renewal Campaign)

7. Pastor's Report:

- Low gluten hosts will be available for parishioners. Parishioners will need to go to the Sacristy before mass and let Fr. Carmelo know they are requesting a low gluten host. These are being offered at both NOTL and S.V.

- A program on When Life Spirals out of Control will be held on 10/27/16 at 6:00 p.m. in Johnson Hall. Fr. Carmelo will be giving a talk on spiritual change.

9. Closing Prayer – Lillian

10. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Terrie Cavender