

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2017

Members present: Angie Dickens, Cathie Truehl, Bob Joyes, Brad Walker, Peg Koch, Fr. Randy, Kathy Smiley, Amy Wollangk

Absent: Quinn Smet, Bunny Weier, Kara Roisum, Shaun Kleitsch

Opening Prayer - Fr. Randy

OLD BUSINESS:

Good discussion on the excerpt from "Forming Intentional Disciples"

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update on 2019 planning of the 150th anniversary of St. Ann

- a. Bill and Bev Mansfield have agreed to chair the planning of our anniversary.
- b. Bill has selected a volunteer video-photographer to interview long-time parishioners and parish families to share their history with St. Ann.
- c. Reviewed letter from Dean Hanson in which he reviewed Peg's write-up in Parish Newsletter and commented that some information was incorrect and needed to be clarified,

ACTION: Peg to meet with Dean to discuss St. Ann's history and will have information on hand if Bob Joyes should need anything for the history section of the Parish Directory.

ACTION: Fr. Randy will look at the calendar to choose a date prior to Ash Wednesday in 2019 to hold the celebration. He will then contact the Bishop's secretary to invite the Bishop and get the date on his calendar

2. Parish Directory Update:

Bob Joyes reported directory plans are moving forward. Two more committee members have been added: Jane Endres & Diane Brue

3. Facility Use Guidelines were discussed. Apparently, more than one version of the guidelines were circulating amongst Parish Council members for review.

ACTION: Fr. Randy will have Tamarah forward the 2nd version to the Parish Council members for review prior to making any changes. It was agreed that we do need a procedure in place for using the facility. In addition, signs in the kitchen indicating the how-to of operating the coffee pots, how/where to take out trash, cleaning and closing up the kitchen, etc. were agreed to be helpful and necessary.

4. Parish Membership:

The Parish Council agreed that a "welcome letter" be sent out from the Council with members contact information. In addition, the suggestion for a photo of the new member/family (put in the bulletin) was important to raise the awareness of who they are.

ACTION: Peg will pass along this information to the newly forming Membership & Hospitality commission in order to hold the Parish Council accountable for this follow-up with new members.

ACTION: Peg was going to look into greeting cards/postcards for this "welcome letter".

5. Fr. Randy received a request from Food for the Poor to come in and make a presentation

ACTION: It was decided NOT to support Food for the Poor at this time.

ACTION: We need to have a discussion at the next Joint Parish Council/Finance meeting to determine how we will move forward with missionary appeals in the parish.

Some discussion was had about supporting local missionaries or those within our parish who are doing missionary work abroad. Also, it was discussed how the Future Priest Campaign would be winding down in the next year or two and this might be a good time to figure out what types of missions we will support in the future (the Diocese had asked us to refrain from inviting in other missionaries until the Future Priests Campaign has ended)

STAFF REPORTS:

Cathie Truehl - High school ministry classes have begun (these are for those in high school who have already received Confirmation): We have 5-8 students attending and although the goal was for 12 students to attend, these 5-8 students are "Rock Stars" in their faith: Kara Roisum, Shaun Kleitsch and Tonya Talbert are facilitating this group.

Kathy Smiley - Angel Choir practice has started and has 26 students! The majority of them are 1st & 2nd graders. Kathy calls them all "amazing" and "delightful"!

COMMISSION REPORTS:

EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS

The book that will be distributed at all the Christmas Masses was given to the Parish Council members for their reading enjoyment ("Perfectly Yourself" by Matthew Kelly)

Discussion/study groups are being established and will begin in January. There were suggestions that groups could include: Religious Ed Parents, High School, Catholic Multicultural members, and something as easy as reading the book and studying it as a family.

The goal of the book handout and these book studies is to engage inactive Catholics.

HUMAN CONCERNS:

97 angels were on our Angel Tree and all were selected, actually they were all taken after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday.

Looking for new "Grief Support Ministry" leader; main priority of this ministry is reaching out to families when loved ones have passed; some training needed; other duties are sending out sympathy cards, acting as a resource person; facilitating a 4-week DVD series

Dementia tour was well-attended.

LITURGY:

Advent by Candlelight went well. Great help by kids who volunteered service hours!

MEMBERSHIP & HOSPITALITY:

See # 4 in new business above.

STEWARDSHIP - No report

VOCATIONS:

Traveling chalice: new ideas include bringing sign up to K/C meetings; showing/explaining chalice in St. Ann school rooms and encouraging students/parents to sign up to take the chalice home & pray.

Discussion of Altar Server luncheons – Will be checking with KC's to see if they want to take charge of this, officially. Also suggestion was made to include a small area in the bulletin for Vocations information.

Currently vocations is hosting Adoration on Wednesday nights. Additionally they are establishing a January calendar to pray for Seminarians/Religious individuals on a specific day of the month.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting date: January 9th, 2018 6:00 PM