

STM Parish Council Meeting

Minutes

March 21, 2017

Members Present: Mike Stahmer, Lisa Ball, Fr. Hunke, Jim Upah, Abby Skradski, Monica Mora-Handlos, Connie Gewinner, Liz Fox, Betty Piskorski

Members Absent: Travis Washington

Call to Order: Jim Upah

Opening Prayer: Jim Upah

OLD BUSINESS:

Parish Survey - We discussed survey results again. We estimate that approximately 25 hard copies have been picked up from the Parish Office.

Two additional areas were identified: Sharing information about how the Constorium operates and a need for healing within the parish.

We updated our topics to focus on as a result of the survey. In addition some members were asked to take the lead for that area.

1. Parish Organizational Fair - To let parishioners know about the different parish groups. We will consider holding this in August/September.
2. Landscaping - To beautify the parish grounds. Father indicated that there is a new contract to handle this area.
3. Church Maintenance - To focus on the areas of the parish that are in need of attention or upgrades. We again mentioned adding a railing into the sanctuary. Father will continue to manage this group.
4. Adult Religious Education - To provide opportunities for spiritual growth. We agreed that providing access to opportunities already available in the community would be a good way to proceed. Connie will take the lead on this.
5. Greeters - Bring back greeters at mass by next fall. Monica and Connie will be working on this.
6. Hurting/Healing Ministry - We discussed groups that encourage belonging, ministry to the sick and homebound, and a bereavement ministry. Liz and Betty will be investigating how to begin a bereavement ministry group.

7. Education about the School Consortium - To provide the parish with information about the School Consortium and how it operates. To also inform the parish about how repairs to the school are handled. Abby will be taking the lead for this group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parish Council Minutes will be published on the website going forward.

Update on By-laws: By-laws will be reviewed next meeting and then sent to the Chancery Office for approval.

March - Begin recruiting new members for Parish Council. To balance the council we should look for male candidates. We have two candidates and are looking for a third. Current members need to think about being Officers.

Council members: Mike, Jim, and Lisa - 6th year - last year on second 3 year term

Liz - 3rd year - last year remaining on her first 3 year term - eligible for a second 3 year term

Abby and Travis - 2nd year - will have 1 year remaining on their first 3 year term

Monica, Connie, and Betty - 1st year - will have 2 years remaining on 3 year term.

The Knights of Columbus were inquiring about creating a picture directory in the future.

Connie asked Father about the possibility of having Fr. Jim Sichko for the Lenten Mission next year.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Hunke

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Ball

