

STM Parish Council Meeting

Minutes

May 23, 2017

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

New Members: Joe Pesek, Emily Boisseree, Kelley Sobetski

Members Absent:

Guest: Teresa McLawry

Call to Order: Jim Upah

Opening Prayer: Father Hunke

GUEST SPEAKER: Teresa was here from Holy Cross to speak about her job as a Pastoral Assistant/Minister and all they do with their bereavement ministry. Teresa went over her job description and described her activities to us. Including the crosses that they hang on the wall and the Christmas baskets they deliver. She stated that it is a salaried position and that she has a budget.

We discussed creating this position at STM beginning as a part-time position. We feel that the homebound is the least attended to population. We also discussed mailing bulletins to the homebound/nursing home residents to keep them connected to the parish.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on By-laws: By-laws were revised and are ready for submission following an update to Appendix A to reflect the new council membership. Thank you to Monica for updating the by-laws.

New Members - We welcomed three new members: Joe Pesek, Emily Boisseree, and Kelley Sobetski. We appreciate them agreeing to represent the parish on parish council. Please read the results of the parish survey.

Election of Officers:

President: Travis Washington

Vice-President: Abby Skradski

Secretary: Connie Gewinner

Thank you to the leaving members: Mike Stahmer, Jim Upah, and Lisa Ball

Church Maintenance Update - Father is looking into some updates to the Church following the festival next year. He is working with the Daly Company to outline the work and submit a bid. More details will be available at the next meeting.

We discussed the need for more handicapped parking during mass times even though we meet our legal requirements. We discussed Father mentioning parking at mass.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parish Survey - We discussed survey results again. We went over each topic again.

1. Parish Organizational Fair - To let parishioners know about the different parish groups. We will consider holding this in August/September. This area is still on hold.
2. Landscaping - To beautify the parish grounds. Father indicated that CM's will be doing the landscaping work. They will work on the grotto area, trees, and other landscaping.
3. Church Maintenance - Father updated on how the current maintenance is going. Roof and stain glass windows are sealed. Leeching will be sealed. Father mentioned other items that may need to be addressed in the future.
4. Adult Religious Education - To provide opportunities for spiritual growth. Connie spoke to Holy Cross and parishioners that are interested in Bible study may join their existing groups.
5. Greeters - Bring back greeters at mass by next fall. Monica and Connie will be working on this. We discussed getting in touch with Dave Dickmeyer. Then we discussed Liz and Travis being in charge of this ministry.
6. Hurting/Healing Ministry - We discussed groups that encourage belonging, ministry to the sick and homebound, and a bereavement ministry. Betty was in touch with Holy Cross about what they do. We will have a guest speak at our next meeting to talk to us about this ministry.
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. We will hold this until August when school resumes.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Hunke

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Ball