



Annunciation Parish Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 27th

Attendees: Sarah Bohrer, Mary Biever, Jonathan Emery, Mel Justak, Ruth Ann Lichlyter, Tom Loveridge, Lisa Reising, Scott Stratman, Bev Williamson, Fr. Alex, Julie Rosario, Roland Rosario.

Called to order: 6:30

- Opening Prayer
- Review of the minutes from last meeting: Stand as written
- Pastor's report:
 - Feedback from retreat: Enjoyed the quiet time, meeting people, format was engaging, good turnout. We will continue with a retreat next year, part of the Stewardship consultants.
 - Mass Attendance Averages: Slowly creeping back up from drop in 2017. No major trends but this is connected to our Parish Council goals
 - Parish listening session on abuse scandal after 11 am mass upcoming this week. Prayer service for healing with bishop October 8th.
- Principals' reports and School Council report: Survey to children and parents in school to gauge involvement in faith.
- Finance Council VC report distributed: Capital Campaign- boiler completed next week, church doors at Holy Spirit will be installed in November. Quarterly reminders for Sunday giving and pledge drive and stewardship drive.
- VC report: Outreach: Knights of Columbus- support seminarian, Nick Biever, and purchase books for Christmas
- Review of Parish Council Goals:
 - Next Steps-
 - **Evangelization by Personal Experience:** Host social/sharing of faith around Liturgical Year (All Saints, Advent, Lent, ect). Invite people to give witness and reflect on what they have been doing. Sharing of personal experience through bulletin. Involve students to get involved in mass, share experiences. Programs for encounter opportunities to meet people at all levels and all populations. Already doing: That Man is You, Called and Gifted, Walking with Purpose, Parish Retreat, K of C evangelization table ect.
 - **Challenge and be Challenged:** Listening session on abuse, challenging people to get involved in liturgy roles, encouraging people to reach out to individuals who don't go to mass, personal invitation, prayers of the faithful: "pray for the courage to invite", "be open to the challenges (opportunities) that God places in front of you".
 - **Distinguishing by Uniqueness:** Invite people of praise to a dinner/social gathering, celebrate diversity, celebrate the environments of the two campuses, embrace who we are and know what our positives are, embrace the small parish family, challenge to get to know everyone in

the parish, marketing events to wider parish and community such as music, exhibits. What does this look like, is this goal inward or outward facing?

- **Using Parish Experiences to Grow in Friendship, i.e., Putting a Little Fun into your Faith:** Play and pray, music (light piano) before mass, sharing meals together, cookout in the park (propose to Hospitality committee), bus trips (bourbon trail), canoe trip, garden of the gods, pilgrimages (Monte Casino and Our Lady of Snows).
- **How will we get these done?** Synthesize and categorize, personal work and challenge