

## **Parish Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 4, 2018**

**Present:** Fr. Mike Anderson, Pastor; John Carney, Chair; Valerie Berwald, Ron Peterson; Amy Moore, Don Trudeau, Maggie Arnevik, Bob McMullan, LeAnn Zogg, Paul Siler, Paul Lillyblad, Kelly Summerville, Joshua Bohl, George Burr, Sheila Bianconi

**Prayer:** Romero's Prayer "It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view....."

### **Introductions:**

All members introduced themselves as we welcomed new members, George Burr (At-Large Member), Sheila Bianconi (Communications and Development) and Joshua Bohl (At-Large Member), to the council for their first meeting.

### **Business:**

1. Minutes of the June 2018 meeting were approved as written.
  
2. Fr Mikes shared with the council the importance of having awareness that we're all part of this Body of Christ. We are not just occasional participants, but we are The Body of Christ.
  
3. Discussion of the newly adopted Parish Pastoral Council Constitution. Binders were distributed which include the document. John Carney pointed out a few items:
  - #1 role of PPC is to become a visioning body. In the past, perhaps the PPC was more about administering the various parish ministries or coordinating those ministries.
  - We are consultative in nature, not a voting council
  - The PPC and Parish Finance Councils are interdependent of one another. Both are concerned with the life and ministry of the parish. The PPC looks to Finance for the resources needed to implement its vision. The Finance Council looks to the PPC for the development of the vision of the parish
  
4. Overview of the Role & Responsibility of PPC members was reviewed.
  - ✓ Parish Mission is set – if we feel that the Mission Statement isn't clear, we could adjust it.
  - ✓ We should continue to revisit the visioning plan that was developed last year.
  - ✓ We should be open to diverse ideas, visions and comments of others – be open to creative ideas and be willing to share them with one another – even the silly ideas can lead to something big.
  - ✓ Listen for the pulse of the parish – we were reminded that we are not the problem solvers, rather we should bring issues to council/staff.

- ✓ Share our concerns
- ✓ Educate ourselves on parish events, issues, and concerns
- ✓ Actively seek out diverse parishioner input
- ✓ Serve as an Advisor to the pastor – inside and outside of PPC meetings
- ✓ Be present / attend meetings

5. John Carney shared the PPC Goals for 2018-2019 (Handout). Discussion of reading through these goals and especially focusing on the Visioning work – owning the Parish Vision – making it part of our language. We can challenge it and adjust it as needed. If people buy into what we're presenting with the vision, the giving will follow. **"HOMEWORK" – Think about, and be prepared to talk about, how your area of ministry/commission responsibilities align with the current parish vision.**

6. Brief Finance Update provided by Paul Lillyblad. He shared that as of June 30, 2018 our mortgage balance was at \$104K. We have experienced a \$200K increase in contributions over the past two years. Discussion of celebrating the pay-off of the current mortgage, which is anticipated in the Spring (2019). Historically, we have always accelerated pay-off of the mortgage by paying additional principal. As the building ages, we have increases in facilities maintenance that need to be addressed/saved for. An accumulation of funds for facilities improvements will occur as we continue to pay off the mortgage. Due to safety concerns in the parking lot, and the need to address pooling of water, as well as future increases in cost for petroleum materials, it has been recommended by the Facilities Commission to move forward with the re-construction of the entire lot this Fall. The current plan is to go forward with the parking lot in October and to extend the terms of current mortgage to cover expenses of this, along with any shortage of funding for the new rectory construction (actual costs vs proceeds from sale of former rectory).

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7 pm. It will be preceded by Mass in the Historic Church at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Moore