

Parish Council Meeting August 26, 2019

Present: Jill Ullmer, Amy Linsmeyer, Jennie Huettl, John Steltz,
Tom Romanowski, Jonathon Krull (via phone)

Opening Prayer: Jill Ullmer

Religious Education Update – John Steltz:

- Religious Education starting October 2, grades 1-8; October 6 – High School Religious Education meets (first and third Sunday 8:15-9:45 am)
- September 22 starts Children of God program (aka Little Liturgy) every second and fourth Sunday of the month, followed by coffee and donuts from Smurawa's Bakery
- Back-to-school mass on September 8 at 10:00 am
- Reboot field trip on September 18 (currently six people signed up). Open to High School/Middle School. Meeting at the school at 6:15 pm. Parish will pick up \$10 for each student's ticket. They will have to pay the rest - \$15. Deadline is August 30 to sign up.
- Catechists orientation - meet Sept 11
- Starting class masses in October (second and fourth Sundays of the month along with Children of God program). Confirmation students will do the first mass, high school, etc. Will do two a month until we get to February/March and then down to one a month.
- First communion April 19 / Confirmation October 23 at St. Joseph Parish in Oneida
- Religious Education registration has not been sent out (announcement was made at mass that it was). It will go out either tomorrow or Wednesday. Confirmation students may have already received Religious Education registration forms.
- Possible adult learning - - any interest in formation during Religious Education time
- Confirmation class retreat October 5-St. Joseph. There are nine in the confirmation class.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten (ages 4,5, 6) for Children of God – Open, not mandatory. Mom and Dad need to be in church. Will be singing a song at 4:00 pm Christmas Eve mass or on Mother's Day sing a song. Will include having donuts on that day.
- Social Media: Twitter and Instagram account have been set up. Cathy Rydzewski in charge of posting that. Stjohnseymour Cathy should have access to the Facebook account as well.

Meeting minutes from last meeting approved.

Update of Parish Council informational meeting at Pulaski that Jill attended last week:

- Open prayer, evangelization, and case studies, each group had to come up with a solution and present to others.
- Vision – what do you want and for who
- Mission – how you will do it
- Inconsistencies guide us
- “An arrow aimed at the head will not pierce the heart” – Bishop Ricken.
- The falling plates video on You Tube - - Jill recommends us viewing it
- Look for parish council members intentionally, what we need to focus on
- Committee chairs should attend the meetings.
- What is the threshold if we want to make changes in the parish. \$100,000 or more we need Diocese permission. Any interior changes needs to be approved by the Diocese – Office of Divine Worship.
- Need to focus more on getting to the heart
- Ask the question, how does this live, grow our faith - RE Mission Statement
- More improvement on impact will see more people getting involved
- If you’re not sure how to begin, start with truly welcoming people
- Change it up where you sit in the pews
- A possible guestbook for people visiting to sign and then we can follow up with a thank you for attending mass with us!
- Mission, plan the how and the money based on the mission
Ex: parking lot, lights ... per year we need this much, work backwards
- Look at possible different mass times that work with today’s people’s schedules? Sports, etc.?

Updates from last month’s meeting:

- John Mahlik – Jill did not get a chance to connect yet
- Dave Steffens – did not get a chance to connect yet - - will try to reach out to him again
- Mary Kemp – No contact yet
- Safety Committee – should that be under the Finance Committee
- Guidelines for the Rectory. Diocese has some general guidelines we should follow, but we can add our own suggestions.
- Lee Rynish – Jill spoke with him. A fluid position - - does a lot more due to necessity. Other duties as assigned. Buildings and Grounds fall under Finance, but Parish Council works closely with Finance and working toward the same goals.
- Stewardship – who is the designated person in these roles?

(Updates from last month's meeting – continued)

- Jill to reach out to the lady that wants to start a ministry at St. John's
- Line between committee versus employee's job (roof needs repair, etc.) Lee's job is what it is, do we need a committee? Need to define more precisely what is handled. Know where the boundary is.
- Do not need a separate building and properties
- How can the Parish Council support finance
- Do we need the Diocese to come in to build more structure?
- Jill will still try to reach out to John Mahlik – September 3 is the next Finance Council meeting 6:30 pm.

Christian Services:

- Sunday, September 15 next meeting, after 10:00 mass, meet in school, greater parish involvement, Amy to attend.
- Homeless Shelter: Just updates

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Action Items:

- Safety Committee – John with Finance (Jill)
- Formalize all committees and subcommittees versus volunteers
- Define more precisely what building and grounds handles (Jill)
- Christian Services – more direction (Amy)
- Mission/Vision Statements

Together we will . . . Religious Education Mission Statement (Amy to send to us)

Ending Prayer - Jill

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm