

September 17, 2019

Joint Parish Council Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm (Holy Cross Conference Room).

Opening Prayer

Introduction of new members

Prior minutes- Approved

Additions to Agenda: Discussion on due envelopes - change of type: This topic will be referred to our Finance Councils for them to review what we do and the cost effectiveness of the way we distribute envelopes.

Discussions:

1. **Contemporary Mass Discussion-** after Christmas season begins, Discipleship & Holly to begin contemporary Masses- A way to reach millennials rotation 10:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Nancy- Contemporary Mass- refers to style of music. The two choirs from St. Katharine Drexel - St. Mary are willing to help with a Mass at Holy Cross each month. There will be a trial period of one year. Gloria & Holly will spend the next several months preparing and getting the word out about this opportunity. It is important for us to make sure we provide an excellent experience if we are going to try this style of worship.
2. **Priorities for the new year:** Review of our three priorities for the coming year.
 - a. **Worship-**Music and Radical Hospitality
 - b. **Communications-** Cal suggested using Times/Villager. Discussion on forms being used Facebook, Instagram, bulletin. We continue to work a develop several forms of communication and messaging understanding that each one is effective for different age groups and messaging for each needs to be different.
 - c. **Evangelization:** to continue to grow and develop intentional disciples. Evangelical small groups are being offered to help us in this formation process.
3. **Renovations-** Update: new architect, permits obtained, working on framing rooms, doors and windows ordered. Pat Ryan organizing- Lee VanderSanden is recruiting volunteers. should be going forward at a faster pace we have licensed volunteers who are doing the electrical and HVAC and a general contractor to oversee the work. Windows and doors have been ordered.
4. **Annual Meetings:** Discussion as to the importance of attendance and committee members inviting as many as possible. It will help the parishes understand where we are going and why. What we have done, are doing and hope to do.
 - a. Items to make sure we talk about at Annual meeting:
 - i. Goal and Vision
 - ii. Personel
 - iii. Updates on renovations
 - iv. New membership- How many new members? What are we doing to get new members? Share this with everyone not just committee.
 - v. Finances
 - vi. Overview- share the past and what the vision is for the future.

- vii. To ask both Parish Council Members and Finance Council Members to stand at the meeting so the communities can get to see and know the members of the Councils.
 - b. Talk about Elizabeth Ministry adoration- international organization- they are their own entity, operate separate from parish.
 - c. Goal for attendance- 150 per meeting.
- 5. **Pledge Drive**- Review of the first presentations/witness talks by the Stewardship committee about the stewardship of sharing. Conversation about understanding the three parts of "Living our Faith" - stewardship - the fundamentals of Prayers, Serving and Sharing.
- 6. **Health & Wellbeing of Parish**- Discussion regarding screens at Mass- will be addressed by mission planning. Diverse sense of spirituality discussion and how we address spiritual needs of the communities.

Meeting adjourned- 7:45pm