

## Parish Council Minutes: 10/17/2017

Present: Fr. Bruce Krebs, Kathie Lach, Larry Louser, Marley Foltz, Nathan Schneider, Nick Hoff, Eric Schaeffer, Tim Kuntz, Deacon Steve Streitz

Absent: Ellen Sipma, Marion Himmerick

Opening prayer was led by Father Bruce.

Welcome of New Council Members: Marley Foltz and Nathan Schneider were introduced as our new council members.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- The September minutes were reviewed by Larry Louser. Kathie Lach moved to approve them and seconded by Tim Kuntz. The minutes were approved by all.

### **Committee Minutes Discussion:**

- **Church Lighting Project** – All members agreed that the new lighting is excellent and has been well received by the parish members.
- **Church TV Project** – Eric discussed TV installation project. As discussed at the last meeting we will put up black cardboard pieces the size of 60” TV’s in the main church where TV’s would be installed and ask for parishioners’ comments. Some parishioners have indicated they don’t think it would be good to have TV’s in the main church, in part because they would not look good in our church. The TV’s would be used to show DVD’s so everyone can see them along with the song numbers, etc. Once we have given parishioners time to make comments, Steve will meet with parish committees involved in this project to have a decision made
- **Millennials Survey** – Father Bruce sent out a survey he found from Sam Eaton the discussed millennials raised in church and dropping out. It was discussed how to keep the millennials in our parish. Thoughts discussed included the distractions that people encounter on a daily basis. It was also mentioned getting the youth involved early so they become active in the parish. Finally, it was discussed getting parents involved who are the role models of the youth.
- **Donations** – Deacon Steve mentioned the blessing our parish have received over the year to allow many wonderful projects to be accomplish including the donation for the new parking lot lighting. Eric Schaeffer asked about the next projects on the agenda and Deacon Steve stated addressing the mold issue in the parish rectory basement and the church tv project.

## **New Business**

- **Election of Parish Council Officers**
  - Larry Louser nominated Marion Himmerick as Chairman. Kathie Lach moved approve the nomination and Eric Schaeffer 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. All approved. Marion will be contacted to confirm her acceptance of the position.
  - Larry Louser nominated Kathie Lach as the Vice Chairman. Larry Louser moved to approve the nomination and Tim Kuntz 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. Kathie Lach accepted the nomination and all approved of the nomination.
  - Larry Louser nominated Eric Schaeffer as the Secretary. Larry Louser moved to approve the nomination and Tim Kuntz 2<sup>nd</sup> the nomination. Eric Schaeffer accepted the nomination and all approved of the nomination.
  
- **Planning Committee for Parish's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
  - Father Bruce stated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will take place on August 15, 2019. He stated having the Bishop as part of the mass that day.
  - Father Bruce stated that Ellen Sipma has agreed to take on the role. He also stated he would like additional council and parish members to be included in the committee.
  - Larry Louser stated he would be involved in the committee and stated that George Lach be contacted to be on the committee and Kathie will visit with him to ensure his interest and willingness to be on the committee. Larry also mentioned getting young couples involved.
  - Other events mentioned for the celebration included church history, recognition of members married and baptized in the church. Shirt celebrating the event were also discussed. Deacon Steve mentioned we will need volunteers to accomplish additional events.

## **Parish Goals: Discussion of the 2017-18 Parish Goals**

- Due to time a quick review of previous goals mentioned were discussed. Further goals will be discussed at a later date. Those goals included:
  - **Ministry for young adults** – Father mentioned his discussion with other priests in the community and it was concluded to not include post high school at this time due to the age difference and stages of their life are not very compatible. Father Bruce did mention he has hired a Youth Minister, David Bice. He is a part of our RCIA program. He has worked with youth in the past and has a strong passion for this position. He will be working with all the youth including the confirmation class.

## **Input from Parish Council Members:**

- Kathie Lach stated she was contacted about the length of the 10:30 mass. The younger couple stated it is difficult with their children with the current length of the mass and it is their best option to attend mass. Options were discussed to tightening up the mass length and options for the parents including the preschool,

day care and the liturgy of the work service for the children. Father Bruce and Deacon Steve will look at the mass length options.

- Larry Louser commented on why our parish being the largest in our community did not have an additional Deacon or assistant pastor. Father Bruce mentioned the possibility of Mohn Koble staying on after the completion of his program and that we pray for this blessing.
- Kathie Lach also asked council members to pray for her daughter.

**Father Comments:**

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- Father Bruce mentioned the wonderful job Mikayla Koble did on the Parish Mission. Mikayla Koble lead the parish mission on Oct 8-10. She spoke at the weekend Masses and gave talks several times while she was here. She also presented at the “Rock” at BRCS.
- Father Bruce mentioned stated a study on rediscovering Catholicism that will take place on Saturday mornings.
- Father Bruce introduced the new book assignment “I Believe in Love”. He asked the council members to read the first chapter to discuss at the next parish meeting.

Our next meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2017.

Nick Hoff closed our meeting with prayer, the Prayer to Saint Joseph.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Tim Kuntz