

Parish Council Meeting 12-13-2018

Attendance: Tom Rabaey, Pam Williams, Fr Chris Shofner, Jim Sullivan. Bob Wagner in attendance as well.

Meeting opens at 6:34 pm with a prayer by Fr Shofner.

Notes from previous meeting reviewed and motion to approve by Jim Sullivan and second by Pam Williams. Reminder to pass on notes to Tess at Parish.

Fr Chris noted that he attended the Christmas play at school and really enjoyed the evening. It was very well done. Note on upcoming confession opportunity by all three priests at school for the school kids and at church next week at 5:30 pm. Discussion by Fr Chris regarding eucharistic tabernacle and its placement at the center/rear of the altar space. Fr Chris reviewed request by Archbishop for Lay Advisory Board member to represent our Parish at the Deanery level. The Deanery level will then send a candidate to the Advisory Board. This is at the request of Archbishop Hebda. Dave Pfarr agreed to represent council and Pam Williams as alternate. Report by Fr Chris on success of the Catholic Early Family Life program. He was able to speak with Emily Sunderman regarding the success of the program. Fr Chris also reported on the 'Come to the Table' event and that it was a great meal and good fellowship.

Tom Rabaey opened discussion regarding a Parish Organization Chart so that Parish Council can assist and align the groups of the church with the mission and goals of the Parish. Also per Terry Genelin's request he opened the discussion on formalizing the concept and merit of a communication director. Tom will attempt to organize and understand the parish groups and leaders and present back to the group.

Pictorial directory discussion. Stewardship has brought the idea forward. Decisions regarding timing for photo shoots and information. Will proceed with inviting the Life Touch representative (Shelly Conlon) to either the Parish Council or Stewardship Committee depending schedule. Parish Council by motion, Dave Pfarr, and second Jim Sullivan will move the process of Pictorial Directory forward to a meeting with the company representative.

Communications lead will be further discussed with volunteer staffing.

Adult Faith Formation discussed. Some effort and volunteers in the past. Fr Chris and the priests will be discussing some opportunities for winter programs via Priests and Lay staff.

Need to reconnect with School Board and either have minutes to review or representative making connections to Parish Council. Tom Rabaey will send note to Dianne regarding reestablishing communications.

Round Table: Dave discussed the blessing and importance of our school and its role as a community asset. Discussion around the success and blessing of our Parish School. Tom is hearing good feedback from our parishioners about our Pastor and associate Priests. Pam talked about Gala event and possibilities of event location. This continues to be worked on by Stewardship committee. Jim had a few comments regarding Parish of St Thomas and its incorporation with St Annes as the receiving parish. Also monthly masses have continued at St Thomas.

Next meeting date is Thursday, January 10th, 6:30 pm. Closing prayer by Fr Shofner. Adjourned.