

Parish Council 10-10-19

Jim Sullivan, Fr Shofner, Terry Genelin, Dave Pfarr, Jeff Schulz, Carol Ward.

Opening prayer by Fr. Shofner.

Approval of Minutes, Motion by Terry Genelin, second by Jeff Schulz.

Parish Council In-Service at New Prague, Sept 12th. Update and review by Jim Sullivan. Presented by Fr Tix and Susan Mulheron. Question regarding role of Pastoral Councils/finance council and consent process.

Organization chart, Jim Sullivan put together and presented an organizational chart. Discussion regarding detailing it with positions. Also questions regarding positions/responsibilities on the same chart with committees, etc.

Applefest was successful and approximately \$27,000 in revenue.

Fr. Shofner Update: Update on RCIA participants and numbers. At this point very promising numbers. Comments on the Brogan Schaefer funeral and the effect on the community and efforts to date regarding immediate family, supporting families, and school community. Question regarding assistance at Belle Plaine. Not a lot of major involvement. Retreat for middle grade students in religious education (6, 7, 8 grade) planned for 2 weeks out in Southern Metro. Question on hot lunch. It has been successful. Good meals and more kids are eating hot lunch.

St Anne's Parish Pastoral Council – Annual Evaluation for 2018-2019 (see handout and Parish Annual Report) Report stands with the omission of participation of our council with the Archdiocese Lay Advisory Board. Revision of completed and yet to be completed maintenance projects. Jim will revise the report, send out for review to council, and then submit to Brian Pfarr at Finance Council.

Subject of prioritization of Parish Improvements. A balance of donations with specific projects in mind by individuals and a prioritization of projects that need to be done based on Building and Grounds committee work. Looking forward we certainly have projects yet to complete and those on the horizon. Suggestion to save or put away funds each year for ongoing maintenance and improvements.

Discussion and update by Fr. Shofner regarding Synod 2021/Parish Ambassadors. Early suggestion to have twelve representatives from St Annes. Fr. Shofner is managing the process and seeking more information before moving forward. Fr. Shofner has asked individuals to participate and has them ready to go.

Stewardship Committee update: some activities completed/winding down (pictorial directory, etc). Next Big event Gala on Oct. 25th, Friday. Headed up by Kristen Pfarr. Still seeking donations.

Comments by Terry Genelin regarding Charitable contribution on your RMD (required minimum distribution) to St. Annes Parish. Suggestion by Terry to provide guidelines for donation months based on need by the parish. Need to get the word out that this is a great way to give. Carol Ward knowledgeable on the process. Will dust off prior notice in bulletin regarding the RMD and republish in Sunday Bulletin.

Building and grounds: no involvement by Parish finances in sidewalk updates. Looking at retaining wall on north side of Church (South side of Oak street) and funding by city. That sidewalk also needs repair and part of that paid for with other funds. That job may then be completed by a contractor and church funds. Boiler ready at Church to turn on for winter. School boiler ready to be fired but not started yet. Church roof patching completed by Widmer lift and John ?. Meters for natural gas will be swapped out and small building east of school can be renovated for storage. Serious expenditures have been avoided by volunteers and existing staff.

No Round Table discussion.

Next meeting scheduled for Nov. 14th. Terry Genelin moves to adjourn. Jeff Schulz second.