

Parish Council Minutes
June 2019

Members Present: Fr. King, Zach Krueger, Holly McMahon, Amy Anderson, Linda Anderson, Butch Warrington, Beth Stallman, Stacey Kutil, Austin Full

Members Absent: None

Non-member Present: Lisa Ulmer, Val Harocek, Zach Schaeferbauer, Paul Heiberger, Patty Lammers

Reviewed May minutes

Val Horacek and Lisa Ulmer came to the meeting to voice some concerns about the parish. The discussion about those concerns covered the following topics:

- The discipleship groups in the parish
- Religious education & youth groups
- The changes in music with the adoption of the new hymnal
- Hospitality initiatives in general
- Funerals and the funeral committee
- The handling of the food pantry

NOTE: Lisa's letter has been entered into the Parish Council record.

Patty Lammers and Paul Heiberger were also invited to the meeting to give another point of view on how the status of the parish. They also voiced their thoughts and the concerns of Lisa and Val from their perspective. Fr. King also responded to the concerns of Lisa and Val.

We spent time reviewing the budget.

We will reserve time in the next meeting to cover any questions about the budget that we did not get to as well as the items from the June agenda that we did not get to: Alpha in the parish and bulletin insert initiative proposed by Butch.

NEXT MEETING: August 20**

****We also held an additional meeting for Parish Council members to discuss these concerns further and place them in context.****

**The meeting was moved up to July 23. Dr. Burgwald from the diocesan Office of Discipleship was invited to come and speak more about the discipleship program going on in this parish and many others across the diocese. The meeting was moved to accommodate his schedule.

ADDENDUM: Parish Council Minutes
Special Meeting, June 29, 2019

A special meeting of the Parish Council was held on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 12:00pm.

Attendees: Fr. King, Butch Warrington, Beth Stallman, Linda Andersen, Amy Anderson, and Zach Krueger.

Absent: Holly McMahon, Stacey Kutil, and Austin Full.

Non-members present: Also in attendance at the invitation of Fr. King: Ann Gooley (Music Director) and Greg Boggs (Knights of Columbus).

The meeting began with a prayer.

Fr. King addressed the Parish Council regarding some of the concerns presented by Lisa Ulmer and Val Horacek:

1. Funeral Committee volunteers and the contribution of the Committee to the parish's service of bereaved families. Later in the meeting Greg Boggs explained the circumstances that led to the criticisms of the parish's policy regarding funeral luncheons organized by the Knights of Columbus as well as the independent operation of such lunches by the Knights. He explained the agreed upon protocols with the Funeral Committee for luncheons served by the Knights.
2. Funeral visitations in the parish, particularly the reason why the visitations are now held in the foyer and how they have been arranged and how families have reacted to them.
3. The parish's approach to those who seek assistance from the Food pantry or the parish – the parish has opted to approach those who seek assistance with the discretion so that we refrain from asking people for personal details unless they request further assistance.
4. The reason why the Hospitality Committee did not continue and what we have done in place of it. We proposed a new initiative for welcoming new members including a welcome basket.

Fr. King along with Ann Gooley spoke about the parish's sacred music program:

1. The current state of the transition to the new hymnal
2. The process and reasons involved in deciding upon the St. Augustine Hymnal

The Parish Council members continued to propose and discuss ideas presented from the meeting as well as new ideas to address the concerns that were brought up. They also discussed how these issues could have taken place.