

January 23, 2020 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer at 6:30 pm by Fr. Ray

Attendees: Fr. Ray, Dn. John Malloy, Diane Hepner, Mark Hepner, Nick Matzo, Kevin Martin, Tom Duford, Val Peterson Excused: Linda Mackay, Gabe Tamburino

Acceptance of Minutes: Postponed (minutes lost or deleted accidentally)

Addition or Deletions to Agenda: Agenda accepted by Diane Hepner

Downriver Vicariate Report: No meeting. Meetings were suppressed.

Commission Reports:

Christian Service: Mark Hepner reported: "**Soup"er Drive:** Annual canned good drive now taking place through February 2nd. **Simple Comforts Drive:** Simple Comforts Hygiene Drive to include Mimi's Passion and Taylor Prep Hygiene Drive. The drive will collect items from Feb. 25th to March 4th. Items being collect include: shampoo & conditioners, deodorant, body wash, liquid detergent soap, 4 packs of toilet paper, dish soap & paper towel. Additional details to follow. **Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County:** \$500.00 donation was approved by Fr. Ray and the parish tithing committee. Many thanks to Fr. Ray for his commitment to Habitat for Humanity.

Worship: Kevin Martin & Fr, Ray reported. **Choir:** attendance down due to colds and flu plus snowbirds flying south. **Eucharistic Ministers:** some confusion with diagram of positions left versus right. **Ushers:** Invite congregation out for Communion pew by pew. Not a time to shake hands or greet. Hospitality/welcome was completed by the greeters in the Gathering Space and not another sign of peace. We are entering into a time of reverence, reception and a solemn procession to receive the Holy Eucharist. **RCIA:** Next formal rite is the Rite of Election which will take place the first Sunday of Lent at the Cathedral on March 1st at 2:00 pm. **Upcoming Dates & Celebrations Space:** Suggesting TV monitors to telecast mass in the Gathering Space for high attendance celebrations. The same monitors could be used for presentations or seminars and will fulfill an MSP need of increasing technology use in our parish. **Lent:** Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00 am and 6:00 pm masses on Ash Wednesday. Youth Faith Formation students and their parents are invited to attend the 6:00 pm mass. We will also have a scripture service at noon with a distribution of Ashes. St., Roch to host vicariate reconciliation on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00 pm. **Liturgical Financial News:** Parish will purchase white robes for 2 RCIA catechumens

Education: No active commission at this time.

Building & Grounds Committee: All parishes within the AOD must have a Facility/Campus audit by June by one of two companies. AKT Peerless will be conducting our audit for \$2,100.00. Roof had a leak from light on the steeple temporary repair made. Next big project will be our parking lot.

Finance Council Report: Finance Council is required by Canon law. Parish financially doing okay. Collections down during bad weather. Christmas Collection was \$40,000 plus.

Old Business:

Emergency Preparedness: Training of volunteers still needed. Sign to be place for directions in case of an emergency

Alpha: On hold at this time

Unleashing the Gospel: See Missionary Strategic Planning below.

Wee Worship: Well attended by children at the 11:30 mass.

Coffee & Donuts: Nothing scheduled at this time.

Pastoral Council Vacancies: On hold. The Archbishop wants a Leadership Team plus a Pastoral Council.

Open Staff Positions Updates: Father has received a couple of applications for the open position of a Faith Formation Director recently.

New Business: None

MSP Updates: Intergenerational activity with Confirmation candidates not as successful as expected. Confirmation student visit to Youth Faith Formation was successful. The presentation to the parish after Sunday masses in Gathering not well attended. Majority of attendees at the Mass did not stop to talk to the students walking out to the parking lot without stopping. **Planned Lenten Intergeneration Activity with Youth Faith Formation - March 23rd & 24th:** Light Lenten Dinner/Supper with Youth Faith Formation classes and daily Mass attendees, Christian Service Commission members, weekly prayer group, Bible Study group & extend invitation to parishioners. Fr. Ray will be meeting with catechist at 5:45 on Monday and Tuesday to discuss with catechist. All to meet in the social hall for dinner & Lenten activities. Meal to be children friendly: Soup and sandwiches or bread (Chicken noodle, tomato soup, sandwiches). Lenten Activities for students. Students to be divided into 3 grade levels: kindergarten, first & second graders; third, fourth, & fifth graders; and sixth, seventh, and eight graders.

Planning meeting for adults to take place between the Masses on February 2nd from 10:00 to 11:00 am. To discuss meal options and appropriate activities for grade levels to

Next meeting: Thursday Feb. 20th at 6:30pm

Closing prayer by Fr. Ray at 7:55 pm

Recording Secretary, Val Peterson

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