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PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
September 20, 2018
7:00 p.m., Parish Center Meeting Room

Present: Fr. Brian, Margaret Bomber, Jan Clauss, Mike Dummer, Gene Zander, Elaine Hathaway, Dick Bakken, Jackson Fonder, Ben Roden, Janice Krall

Absent: Jane Maly, John Winter, Carole Savage, Leslie Sullivan, Pam Klas

7 p.m.: Call to order by Fr. Brian

Opening prayer: Mike Dummer

I. Old Business:

A. Update on "Reach More" Movement from Evangelical Catholic

- Kevin Sullivan said the initial group of nine parish members will meet for the first time on Monday, September 24 and then meet every Monday until Lent.
- At the next parish council meeting on Nov. 29, a member of the Evangelical Catholic staff will discuss the parish's next steps and what to expect with the movement.
- Fr. Brian said he talked to the priest in Hartland, Wis., who said the movement has transformed his parish. He said you have to be patient for the first year or two, but it will change the paradigm of the parish.
- He added that St. Maria Goretti and Sacred Hearts in Sun Prairie are also involved in the movement.
- Sullivan also said there would be a "parish night" in February to explain the movement.

B. Parish picnic review

- Margaret Bomber said everyone helped to make it a success and it was a gorgeous day.
- The caterer said 480 people ate the meal, but the estimate for attendance was about 550.

C. Mass schedule changes

- Fr. Brian said he plans to announce that there will be two Sunday Masses at 8 and 10:30 a.m., beginning on Memorial Day weekend, May 27, 2019.

D. Building and Grounds Issues

- Fr. Brian said a contractor has been hired to renovate the bathrooms in the church. He will begin work in January.
- The parish has received a check for \$114,000 from the city of Middleton for the strip of land along University Avenue and to landscape the area along University Avenue.
- Fr. Brian has formed a committee to handle future construction and landscaping projects for the parish. Members include Steve Hoff, Gene Zander, Dick Bakken, Jackson Fonder and Ben Roden.

II. New Business:

A. Creation care commission

- Ben Roden suggested that a parish committee be formed to participate in various environmental efforts in our community.
- In "Laudato si," which is subtitled, "On care for our common home," Pope Francis critiques consumerism and irresponsible development, laments environmental degradation and global warming, and calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action."
- Fr. Brian suggested that he and Ben attend a similar meeting at St. Dennis to find out more about their mission.

III. Closing:

- A. Next parish council meeting: Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 7 p.m.
- B. Opening and closing prayer next meeting: ????????
- C. Closing prayer: Mike Dummer

Minutes submitted by Ellen G. Krenke