

# SJN Parish Council Minutes - March 19, 2018

In Attendance: Fr. Phillip Pflieger, Joe Daverso, Mike Miller, Mark Hughson, Mary Ann Cerwonka, Tony Rodrigues, Linda Nasuti, Anne Fredrick, Frank Grochal, Al VanSciver, Miranda Toner.

Guests: Fr. Colavito, John Nasuti, Richard Cewonka, Helen Graziano, Diane Brown, Jim Kodash, Mare Ernesto.

Our meeting began with prayer by Fr. Pflieger at 7:05 p.m.

February minutes were approved by council.

## Old Business:

1. **Panama Sister Relationship project with SJN:** Frank put a notice in the bulletin to invite high school & college students to participate with his group at Villanova to become involved.
  
2. **Updates**
  - a) **Youth Ministry:** Mare Ernesto came from Center for Faith through the Diocese --Justice Worx- High School/Service Worx-Middle School /Mercy Worx-College. They have several projects for all different ages to do faith in service willing to do some projects at St John Neumann and some they would travel to another area.  
Then, Helen mentioned that Melanie (youth minister for St John Neumann) does something similar with BOLD they would go out in the morning and come back & have lunch and in the afternoon they would do something here.  
Tony mentioned that we should have pictures and show them to encourage the youth to get involved.  
Miranda mentioned they could start doing things locally and maybe if the church could do a second collection for people who would like to participate but could not afford to pay for it. Mike suggested that she work with Melanie and Helen then put it together a proposal for Father.
  
  - c) **Collection Counters:** Mike Miller said it is going good.
  
  - d) **Ushers:** Mike Miller said it is going good.
  
  - e) **Liturgy Committee:** Tony Rodrigues we are approaching the Triduum & Easter. This Wednesday we should be practicing if we do not have snow. Then the week after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday and we will have a Mass and benediction for that.
  
  - g) **Altar Rosary:** Anne said They had their meeting on 3/6, it was also confirmation night. They will be having elections soon. Anne said she went over the highlights of parish council with them at their meeting. A/R will do the next Fellowship Sunday.

- h) **Bereavement** Is going well. Other parishes are using our facilities because they are undergoing some renovations.
  - i) **Finance** no report
  - h) **Social Activities** no report
4. **H/ML Road Digital Sign:** Proposal -Deferred pending property resolution- no change.
  5. **Movie Night:** The movie that will be shown is "Dumbo". Mike will take care of it.
  6. **Use of Facilities and Establishment:** Inter-mural Athletic Activities-pending.
  7. **Parent Community** is moving forward Danielle M. is working at getting the parents involved.
  8. **Fellowship Sunday:** Next month will be sponsored by the Altar Rosary in April after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses. **Please note: A message be put in the notes for the lector and for the priest about Fellowship Sunday, so it gets announced at the Mass. This can be accomplished by notifying Eleni DiCarlo or Mike Rocco in the office.**
  9. **Building Committee:** Fr. Pflieger reported that he met with an architect he said he will give us feedback on renovation of church.
  10. **Parish Survey** - Fr. Pflieger said we may have an answer about the survey hopefully by next month.
  11. **Security Plan:** Still awaiting a meeting with them on a security system for St John Neumann.
  12. **Bishop Sheen TV:** Mike said he wants to start this but not yet.
  13. **Ministry Appreciation Activity:** It was decided it would be a Appreciation Breakfast open to all people who are involved in ministry and their families on March 20 after the 8:00 AM Mass.
  14. **Easter Egg Hunt :** Reported by Helen that it is being held on Saturday May 24, if we have inclement weather we worked through it in the past.

## **New Business**

- Financial report by the Pastor Fr. Pflieger will think about it.
- Parish Council Elections for 2018 Mike introduced Diane, then Joe brought up about someone who was interested in a youth position but was only 13 years old. This would involve us amending the by-laws to allow someone this age. Mike then asked Tony if he would draft up an amendment change for us to look at then we can vote on it. The timing of the elections interferes with Easter so we will adjust the timing of the election this year hold elections on 4/15.
- Fr. Pflieger mentioned that he hired a new person along with Shari who is going to be the receptionist. Also, he mentioned that some ministries have not asked permission to put announcements in another churches bulletin they should go through the office for permission. Help with young adults get involved in "theology on tap".  
We need greeters at all of the Masses we have a lot more new parishioners.
- Fr. Colavito mentioned that the Holy Cross Softball team was selling palm crosses and they sold out on a Saturday night. They went out to get more so they came back just for the 10 am Mass and sold out again. They were very pleased.

## **Public Comments:**

- Candles tried to light them and they did not work. People were upset in church on Sunday.

Meeting closed with a Prayer by Fr. Colavito at 8:30 PM.  
Next meeting will be Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Nasuti