

## **Parish Council minutes**

Date January 22, 2019

Present: Father Schalk, Deacon Pete Labita, Carol Cuahonte, Tim Foley, Maggie Shea, Connie Clapgood, Mark Meadows, Jessica Ayala, Tom Schlueb, Cathy Adamescu, Elaine Crumb, Renita Messmer, Lisset Mendoza, Claudia Costilla

Excused: Virginia Fuentes, Victor Rodriguez

Minutes approved for date 11/27/2018

### **Pastor's Report**

New bulletin- How do we like it? Discussion about the font size or adding pages. Aware this could change the size of the bulletin.

**Parish Contributions/Stewardship** – There are additional parishioners who have signed up for EFT.

**Bishop Griffin Resource Center** – A first gathering has occurred for initial donors. Sometime in February there will be another meeting. A presentation that will focus on the past, present and future of the Center. No commitment will be asked for at the information meeting. Focus to try to gain momentum. Looking to open a thrift store in May or June. Moving excess supplies/clothing to Holy Name Church for temporary storage. The thrift store location has not yet been determined. Still looking for a location.

**Next big project is refurbishing the church.** New upholstery, refurbish the pews and new flooring in the church. Kneeler replacement/repair. Discussed options for the flooring under the pews. Father wants Luxury vinyl tile and no carpet. Deacon Pete is looking at carpet for warmth and having the church look more hospitable. Cleaning is an issue with the carpet at present. Bill Heyer is a church consultant and understands church architecture. He has twenty-five years' experience building traditional and classical architecture for churches. Would use him to see what his opinions are for the carpet vs tile discussion. The biggest question to be considered is what is easiest to clean and what will last longest.

**Catholic Women's Conference** is February 16, 2019

**Catholic Men's Conference** is February 23, 2019      Need to promote these conferences.

**During Lent-** Will have additional events occurring on Wednesdays. These are TBD.

**Security --- Habitech Systems** has given us a proposal that is reasonable. There is a monthly fee for maintenance. Cameras interior and exterior. Need to run by the Finance Committee and this is a relative expense.

**Usher training** – Father has reached out to Jeff Corbin and will set a meeting soon. Need ushers for the English Masses. Need a generous spirit on the part of the parishioners. Will be more than just passing the basket.

There was a discussion about the habit of chasing the collection basket – sometimes the ushers have skipped rather than passing it for every pew. Concerns about having the people closer together. There would be reactions from the English speaking parishioners. The true issue is the 8 am Mass. There is a need to have people sit closer together.

### **Committee Reports**

- All Saints Report (Athletics, HASSA, School Board) – report submitted
- Clubs Report (Black Catholic Ministries, Knights of Columbus, Women's Club, Family Life) – Knights report submitted.

- Service Outreach (BREAD, Bishop Griffin Center, St Vincent de Paul) – BREAD report submitted. Bishop Griffin Center – report submitted—Pod items are going to Holy Name Church
- Finance and Maintenance
- Fundraising – report submitted
- Appalachia Project

### **Old Business**

Candle light Mass on December 20 was a very beautiful Mass. Want to make it an annual event.

### **New Business**

Update on prayer chain from Cathy Adamescu. From the Women's retreat 12 individuals signed up. Total 23 people on the prayer chain. Cathy has received positive responses. All participants have email save one and one team member is calling the prayers to that individual.

Want more sponsors for Winterfest. Reminder for volunteer signups. Help is needed from all.

Website needs a redesign and Drew Snyder is reviewing for an update. Hoping to revamp the website during the summer. Check into sending email blasts. Need to protect individual's privacy and not have email addresses sold.

Continue to talk to parishioners who may be interested in being on Parish Council. This will launch in earnest March 2019.

### **Closing Prayer**

**Next Meeting: February 26, 2019 6:30 pm**

**Submitted by Connie Claprood**

Committee reports will not be read at meetings, only highlight needed items. Send reports to Connie Claprood via email at [cclaprood2842@att.net](mailto:cclaprood2842@att.net).