

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 23 May 2018

Attendees: Fr. Ryszard, Sandy Gemach (Chair), Antonio Tranquilino, Deacon Bob McGahran, Diane Nagle, Giselle Bawab, Jack Semanko, Jane Moore, John Ingraham, Kathleen Donaldson, Neil Nucci, Peggy Dotson and Sheila Dunn. Parishioner at Large: Rita Canfield. Absent: Marie Frost.

Fr. Ryszard opened the meeting at 6 PM with a prayer. Meeting minutes from the prior council meeting were approved and will be posted to the web site.

Financial Report: Jack Semanko • We are doing well financially. Collections are up which is a result of new parishioners registering for the Parish. • Security System was installed by ATMC. One dead spot was identified, and this will be corrected. • Job descriptions have been received and are under review. The positions will be reviewed again at the June 14 meeting of the Finance Council; it is recommended that no action be taken until the arrival of Father Betti. • The new cleaning company is in place (one day per week). Many parishioners are noticing the lack of attention to the cleanliness of our church. Father Ryszard has asked Sister Rosanne to oversee the cleaning company to bring to their attention any deficits in the cleanliness of our buildings. Further discussions were held about a way to supplement the work of the cleaning company given the frequency of use of our buildings every day of the week.

Hispanic Community Report: Antonio Tranquilino • Congratulations to our Hispanic community for a wonderful Festival on May 5. Some improvement ideas are being identified and will be pursued for future Festivals. • The Altar Boys and lectors all did an outstanding job for the May 22 Confirmation. • There are now 5-6 Eucharist Ministers for the Hispanic community.

Parish Committees Report:

Health Awareness: Peggy Dotson • Peggy spoke to the most recent minutes of this group and the report was accepted with one modification – the budgeted communication position is for a part time position; again, any action will be held until the arrival of Father Betti. • Highlights included: the success of the Comm Well Health/dental van/April 27 an updated on the Doshier/Wal-Mart care fairs (at three locations – Leland, Southport and Shallotte Wal-Mart centers) and the plan for a stroke/hypertension education day in the fall at St. Brendan Church sponsored by the Healthcare Wellness Group.

Garden Committee: John Ingraham • John Ingraham reported that the gardens are doing well; snake away and fertilizer have been purchased and the landscape staff are willing to put these in place as needed. 2 • John complimented his team of workers for an excellent job.

Scholarship Committee: Peggy Dotson • Six students have been accepted into the summer program; UNCW was easy to work with and the students will provide an update to masses either in person or via video. • Father Ryszard suggested that we allocate \$10,000 to \$12,000 into this fund for next year.

Reception for Father Ryszard: Sandy Gemach • Scheduled for June 10 from 3 – 5 pm in Brendan Hall. Giselle and Marie will lead the planning initiative for the event and will recruit council members and other volunteers to assist with this reception.

Faith Formation: Diane Nagle • Sandy offered congratulations to both Diane and Peggy and others who are involved in our family faith formation and confirmation programs • Diane added that this past year was a success in terms of Faith Formation and three new catechists have stepped forward for the next academic year. • The “End of Year Breakfast” for the children on Sunday, June 3 from 9:30-10:30 AM; Diane said that Jennifer and Giselle Bawab do a masterful job in planning the food for this event and she and Tom extend their thanks to

them. • Peggy said that the April 29th/9:30 AM Mass/First Holy Communion /29 children participating  
Confirmation: Peggy Dotson • The event held on May 22 was a success with four Parishes participating and a total of 43 young people were confirmed; the reception to follow was a good event and allowed those attending to meet the new Bishop.

Music Ministry Report: Sandy Gemach • Final Choir Mass for this Choir Season is June 3rd at 11:00 AM// Choir resumes on Saturday after Labor Day 2018. • Ideas were generated to assist with the ease of submission of hymnal donation forms.

Comments: The council members thanked Father Ryszard for all that he has done for our church family. Father thanked all the council members for their dedication to the council and to the various ministries; he is pleased with the growth of the parish community and the various programs that have been implemented and appear to be thriving at St. Brendan Church.

Meeting concluded at 7:30 PM. Fr. Ryszard ended with a prayer.

Next Meeting: To be determined after Father Betti arrives