

Parish Council Meeting, October 2, 2019 - Minutes

Attendees: Fr. Mark, S. Gemach (Chair), J. Semanko, Deacon Bob McGahran, G. Bawab, J. Carmody,

M. Biesack, M. Frost, Sandy Jones, A. Tranquilino, Sheila Dunn.

Absent: Peggy Dotson, Diane Nagle, J. Ingraham

Fr. Mark opened the meeting with a prayer. He introduced & welcomed Mary Biesack and Jim Carmody as the new council members. Meeting minutes from August council meeting were approved.

Fr. Mark:

- The purchase of the Golf Carts is shelved.
- Three signs have been ordered to direct parking.
- TV system is being permanently installed and will be ready by Christmas.
- Fr. Mark is in the process of identifying a Communications Director.
 - Rich Reismiller agreed to assist until a new person has been selected.
- Two stained glass window panels have been ordered and are on their way.
 - Once installed Father will talk to the congregation about them.
- Bishop granted approval for the *John the 23rd Movement Retreat* to be held at SB.

Update on Knight's of Columbus - Jim Carmody:

- October is Right to Life month...the Knights will lead a 9 day Novena for the Right to Life and will have a "Life Chain"—a silent stand on abortion.
- Begun the Helping Hands & Disaster Relief Program for parishioners .
 - Will present the movie UNPLANNED on Oct. 12, 2019 after the 5:00 PM Mass.
 - Anyone wanting to purchase this DVD can get one for \$15.00

Facility Report - Jack Semanko:

- The new maintenance team is fabulous!
- New Office: rebuild going back to the original plans from 4 ½ years ago". The new section of the building will be along side the existing building forming it into an L shape.
- Garden will not be moved due to building changes.
- Columbarium will be power washed and sealed to prevent molding.
 - Father has not had a chance to check about the flowers issue - suggested maybe a rack for the flowers.

Hispanic Report – Antonio Tranquilino

- The Hispanic Retreat was a big success.
- Already working on the Cinco de Mayo festival by attending the festival in OIB this weekend to raise funds.
- There are two new Eucharistic Ministers.
- Requested money from the budget for six more altar boy uniforms.
 - Father approved.

Faith Formation: Diane Nagel/ Peggy Dotson:

- First session Sunday, Oct. 6th / 250 children, 20 Catechists, 8 High School helpers
- Holy Communion first session Sunday, Oct. 20th /33 children and 3 Catechists.
- Special Needs Children Faith Formation first session Monday Oct. 7th / 3 children & 1 adult child
- Confirmation first session Oct. 9th / 39 student to date
- Cape Fear Deanery - Raleigh Diocese is offering parishes new on-line training sessions for catchiest or other interested parishioners through F5anciscan Institute. \$300/ parish for unlimited use.
- Diane Nagel reached out to all our Faith Formation teachers to assess their interest.
- Spanish will be available beginning in Dec 2019.

Pot Luck Dinner – Giselle Bawab

- Reported dinner was a success but there were not as many attendees as the last one, suggested this probably due to the fact that it was Football season.
- It was suggested that maybe we should do it on Super Bowl Sunday.

Food Pantry - Mary Biesak

- Doing well and noted September number of families served was about half of what it used to be.
 - Felt this is good because it shows that a lot of people must be back to work or could also be related to the number of people who have been misplaced due to the hurricanes.
 - Father spoke to Bob and Jane DeJoie about moving the pantry to the office building but not decided yet. Will require significant work to make this work.
- The last collection for *Loaves and Fishes* was approx. \$14K.

Health Wellness Committee: Sandy Jones

- Due to Tom Gaven's illness and the death of Ray, the website is at a standstill.
 - All work completed by Tom was not uploaded before Ray became manager.
- HCW meeting attendance dropping due to members' personal commitments in past few months.
- We request that a Hispanic representative be identified for the committee.
 - Sandy spoke with Sr. Mary Terese & she agreed this is a good idea.
 - Sister will help identify someone.
- Experiencing some communicating 'wows' with Rusty again.
- Per Father's suggestion, a Resource Fair has been scheduled for Nov. 16 & 17.
 - Contacted Senior Center, CommWell Health, Saber Health & Novant.
 - The Senior Center & CommWell Health have confirmed participation to date.
 - An announcement will be prepared for delivery the 1st two weekends in November.

Music Ministry - Sandy Gemach

- Sandy reported ministry is up and running to the 3 mass times.
- The Cantata was chosen "Come Walk With Me" & will be held on March 22, 2020 at 3:00 PM.
- Planning a 'mini' Christmas Concert for Dec. 24th at 4:30pm before Christmas Eve Mass.
- Choir will sing at Confirmation on April 29, 2020.
- Choir will sing at Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil Masses.
- No music on Good Friday.

Craft Show - Marie Frost

- Entire hall has been booked for Craft Show being held on Nov 23rd and 24th this year.

Garden— John Ingraham (absent)

- Sent word that "all was well; foods are growing well and being distributed to the needy"

Next meeting will be held on Nov 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM./ Father Mark closed with a prayer.