

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- November 20, 2019

Attendees: Fr. Mark, S. Gemach (Chair), J. Semanko, Deacon B. McGahran, G. Bawab, S. Jones, J. Ingraham, A. Tranquilino, D. Nagle, B. Blanchette. **Absent:** J. Carmody, M. Biesak, M. Frost

Fr. Mark opened the meeting with a prayer. Meeting minutes from October council meeting approved. Announced that Peggy Dotson and Sheila Dunn stepping down.

Fr Mark:

- Need suggestions for 4 more council members. (14 total amount). Each member bring a suggested name to Fr. Mark at next meeting.
- Discussion about Columbarium appearance (flowers, etc).
- Mass for Loss of Children a success. Decision to have a Mass annually. Tuesday 11/10/2020 or 11/17/2020 suggested dates. Refreshments to follow was suggested.
- Fr. Mark suggested organizing carpool for Outdoor Mass at Newton Grove.
- Announcement of Mass times: Christmas Eve/New Years Eve- 4 PM and Christmas Day/New Years Day-9:30 AM

Financial Committee: Jack Semanko

- New Building-using original plan/ meeting with architect/break ground in June
- Moving of Tabernacle up and forward
- Parish Directory project taking place in Library 2nd, 3rd, 4th weekends in February.
- Working on: AV System, Baptismal Font, receptacles for Holy Water
- Additional Parking signs installed.
- 100 new chairs for Knights and Music Rooms
- Calendars will be ready in next few weeks
- Financial position in parish is excellent.

Hispanic Update: Antonio Tranquilino

- Hispanic children are enjoying Faith Formation Program
- Planning Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast on 12/11
- Plans for Cinco de Mayo will begin after Our Lady of Guadalupe feast
- Antonio is practicing with readers and altar servers
- Suggestion to have another Hispanic council member

Health and Wellness: Sandy Jones

- Resource Fair-success. Fr. Mark liked set-up & suggested adding one more table
- Discussion- website - need of a replacement of Tom Gavin due to health reasons.
- Hispanic member to Health and Wellness Committee was added

Garden: John Ingraham

- Good harvest. There are 2 Master Gardeners. Next planning meeting 12/6

Hospitality: Giselle Bawab and Marie Frost

- Saturday/Sunday 11/23-11/24 Craft Fair with soups, pastries, crafts
- Upcoming reception events: Cantata, Potluck, End of Year Breakfast(children)

Faith Formation: Diane Nagle and Peggy Dotson

- 291 registered children/successful classroom setup
- Canned Food Drive for Food Pantry with the children 12/1
- "Giving Trees" setup and ready for feast of 3 Kings
- Special Needs Program-3 children and 1 adult child-successful start

Confirmation: Peggy Dotson

- Peggy to attend training class 1/9 at St. Luke's in Hampstead.

- Peggy attended “Recharge” initiative for Diocese-more info to follow

Food Pantry: Mary Biesak

- Frozen turkeys distributed for Thanksgiving
- Thank you to Marie Frost for the Craft Fair

Knights of Columbus: Bob Blanchette

- Successful recruiting drive in Oct.-2 new members/2-3 in the works
- Successful events: Free Throw Contest/ Heavenly Bread-Craft Fair/Blood Drive/Shallotte Christmas Parade/Cinnamon Buns & Coffee-12/8 after 8 AM Mass/5th Sunday Rosary before Sat/Sun Masses in December
- Knights working on website to get it updated.

Music Ministry: Sandy Gemach

- Mini Concert/ Christmas Eve 3:15 PM
- Cantata being worked on
- 10 reps to attend Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

Comments:

- **Sandy complimented cleanliness of Ladies Room**
- **Giselle expressed a Parking problem between 9:30 and 11 AM Masses**
- **Message from Sister Mary Teresa for a need to Recycle/more receptacles**

Next Meetings: 1/8/2020- 2/19/2020- 5/6/ 2020 -Fr. Mark ended meeting with a prayer at 7:13 PM