



Parish Council Meeting Minutes.

February 16, 2017

In attendance: Gerry Searcy, Jim Ladieu, Tim Templeton, Diana Miller, Michael Brown, Rick Fisher, Kay Bulzacchelli, Albennia Ladieu, Steve Valiquette

Absent with notice: Jack Goodrum, Cassie and Chris Frazier, Camel Slattery.

Absent without notice: Jerry Strobel, Mark Schweska, Ron Westphal

- I. Finance: There was thorough discussion regarding our current Year To Date totals, and what expenditures will be reduced now that only one Priest is here. It was decided to hold a finance board meeting, with the members being: Jim Ladieu, Kay Bulzacchelli, Rick Fisher and Ron Westphal.
- II. Religious Education: First Confession will be held March 4th at 10-11am. Discussion regarding two separate First Communions (EF and Ordinary Form) were had and approved with the dates set at April 30th (OF) and May 7th (EF). Chris and Cassie Frazier, our Directors of Religious Education, will be informed.
- III. Women's Group: Discussion about disbanding the current women's group and creating an inclusive overall "volunteer group" was had. It was discussed that the church needed to give back to the community and truly be an example of service. Having one group that brought together those that attend both Masses, not just a "between the Mass" idea seemed a good solution. It was also discussed that Summer Meetings between the Masses could be a possibility as Religious Education is not going on during this time.
- IV. Loaves and Fishes: There continues to be representation from our Parish one weekend per month at Holy Name Church to serve breakfast to the poor
- V. 40 Days for Life: 40 Days Kick-Off Rally to be held February 28th hosted at Assumption with Mass and Rally following in the Buddeke House. Reading materials and sign up information have been provided in the Church for those interested. We are joining St. Mary's Downtown on Thursdays in front of Planned Parenthood from 7am-7pm, throughout Lent and seeking volunteers for this.
- VI. Searcy Thanksgiving Dinner: Ms. Gerry Searcy announced that she will be changing the name of this event in its 30th year next year to the Searcy Memorial Thanksgiving Meal to honor both of her sons.
- VII. Liturgy: There is a need for more Lectors at the 11am Mass. It was discussed and recommended that we allow High School students to become lectors and have placed information in the bulletin to secure more involvement. A schedule will be put out for March and April. If coverage is needed, names will be provided as



well. The need for “white noise” or adding a sound absorbing tapestry was addressed regarding more privacy during Confessions. Jerilyn will contact Mark and Lynn Schweska regarding donating their talent at upholstery for this project.

- VIII. Buildings and Grounds: The Rectory is now vacant with the departure of Fr. Francis Appreh. The poor condition of the carpet was discussed and new carpet samples were viewed and chosen. Occupancy should be determined in June. The capital campaign that was still being worked on, prior to the departure of Fr. Strange was voted to move forward now that Fr. William is Administrator. The inclusion of the Elevator at the Buddeke House was regarded as a priority to further increase income by making the ballroom more accessible both for food service and disabled persons. The vote was unanimous to move forward with the elevator. It was decided to contact some parking companies for information on how to control our parking lot outside the Buddeke House on Monroe Street. We have many illegal parkers, and it was requested to look into “booting” companies to control times that the parking lot is in church use.
- IX. New Business: Diana Miller resigned her position on the Parish Council effective February 2017; we are grateful for her service. There was discussion regarding a Parish Census and also a Parish Pictorial Directory. Diana Miller commented that the Legion of Mary has traditionally worked on Parish Census. If a Seminarian is assigned to the Parish for the summer, it may be possible to move forward with the Census between Seminarian help and the Legion Mary. There have been two companies contacted for more information regarding the pictorial directory. Information to be presented at the next Parish Council Meeting on this. The members of the Council think that April dating for the pictorial directory would be a preferred time.

The Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16th at 7pm in the Buddeke House.