



Parish Council Minutes

May 4, 2017

Council Members Present: Fr. William, Jim Ladieu, Kay Bulzacchelli, Tim Templeton, Ron Westphal, Mark Wakefield, Chris Frazier, Cassi Frazier, Steve Valiquette, Michael Brown, Carmel Slattery, Rick Fisher  
Others in Attendance: Paul Krog, Nick Bulso, Rosemary Fisher, Pat Connell, Joe Connell, Albennia Ladieu  
Absent without notice: Gerry Searcy(1<sup>st</sup>), Jack Goodrum(1<sup>st</sup>)

Father opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:02pm

- I. Finance
  - I. Kay Bulzacchelli read the minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> Finance Board meeting. She reported that contributions are ahead of last year, and that no large expenditures are in progress at this time. She explained the process for creating the church's budget, which will be discussed in detail at the next meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, in advance of the next fiscal year beginning July 1. The council approved the minutes from the Finance Board meeting.
- II. Religious Education
  - I. Chris Frazier(DRE) reported that we had 2 children that were confirmed from the Parish at the Catholic Pastoral Center. He also reported that First Communion has been completed by all of the children in the Novus Ordo, and all but one in the EF. Chris reported that Totus Tuus will take place at Assumption July 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> and put a call out for volunteers during that week. Jerilyn Rost announced that St. Mary of the Seven Sorrows will be joining Assumption and Holy Name this year and that advanced signups will be necessary to insure a safe environment and adequate amount of volunteers for the children/youth attending. The council was pleased with the report.
- III. Women's Group/New Parish Group
  - I. Kay Bulzacchelli once again proposed a new parish group that would assist with Fellowship after both Masses. It was suggested that volunteers sign up for their month of choice. The discussion led to overall parish involvement and a need for merging the two Mass attendees/parishioners/groups into one with a possible "between the Mass" meeting throughout the summer months. The discussion led to the limited time between the masses. Chris Frazier offered that he and his wife, Cassi will lead the next group and work toward planning the first event of the Parish Potluck/Cookout during the week of Totus Tuus, with the next event being the Feast of the Assumption. The council was all in favor. The date was announced for the potluck being July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after the 6pm Mass.
- IV. Loaves and Fishes
  - I. Chris Frazier reported that Assumption still has its slot for 7:30-9:30am on the first Saturday of the month. They feed almost 70 homeless breakfast on that day. They are in need of more volunteers. It was mentioned that Assumption could ask for food donations to support the Saturday morning breakfasts. Have food brought in on the last Sunday of the month to support the following weekend. Fr. William asked that this be placed in the bulletin the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> weekend of the month to remind our parishioners to bring in perishables and dry goods for our breakfast obligation. It was fully supported by the Parish Council. It will begin May 21<sup>st</sup> weekend.
- V. 40 Days for Life



- I. Carmel Slattery reported that the Fall campaign was successful and that Assumption would occupy the street on Mondays. The new campaign in the Spring, which was a new campaign was successful but not many people took part. There were questions as to how to get more people involved. It was suggested to continue to invite people to come and pray and to support the idea that is isn't frightening, and there is no shouting done by participants. To explain that the Catholic church is trying to be the "adult" in all the chaos. We will continue to support this ministry with literature in the Narthex of the Church.
- VI. Liturgy
- I. Fr. William asked for comments regarding Holy Week/Triduum. A comment from a member of the council was that the music was "voluminous" and a distraction being operatic versus liturgical. It was asked by another member for specifics regarding this comment- it again was stated that the music seemed to overpower the sacrament. No other comments were made regarding the music. Praise was given to the addition of the violin and flute during Easter Mass at the EF. Many members felt the washing of the feet of the servers was also a welcome addition, and "sweet."
- VII. Buildings and Grounds
- I. Jerilyn Rost reported that 1213 7<sup>th</sup> Ave N. is a vacant small lot owned by Assumption and a bid for purchase was put in on this property in Spring 2016. Discussion was had as to the future use and current use of the property. The property sits dormant amongst the other properties that Assumption owns, and the gentleman that has put in the offer on the property, Britt DePriest, is building a single-family residence in the lot adjacent. It was voted for Fr. William to move forward on the Diocesan level of requesting an appraisal, and approval to sell the property.
- VIII. New Business
- I. New appointments: Transitional Dcn. Rick Childress, who joined Assumption during Easter will return for his summer assignment. He will be joined by Mr. Patrick Held, a seminarian. Both will be living in the Assumption Rectory and the hope is for both men to work on the Parish Records/Census during their assignment.
  - II. Parish Pictorial Directory: There has been difficulty signing up for the parish pictorial directly. It was discussed how better to facilitate the process. It was suggested by Mr. Krog to have some parishioners stand in the front of the church after Mass. He volunteered himself, as well as Andy Hoover to do this for the coming weeks at Mass.
  - III. Oktoberfest: Fr. William presented the letter from John Geist dated April 19, 2017 which was handed to him in a meeting with Mr. Geist on April 25, 2017. Fr. William went into the details of the meeting, and what explanations were given to support the letter in which he received. This information was not pleasantly received by the council. Mr. Krog introduced his business associate and law partner, Mr. Nick Bulso. He gave his opinion on the matter regarding the letter in reference to the agreement signed by Fr. Jerry Strange. He feels that Monell's cannot move the location simply because they have "outgrown" the space. He does not believe the movement of the date, or the reasoning behind it has much influence on Assumption's part. He brought up the integration clause (paragraph 10) of the original agreement, and invited an open discussion with the council, which ensued. Paragraph 10 states: *This agreement is intended by the Parties as the entire agreement and understanding with respect to the subject matter hereof*



*and as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms thereof, and supersedes any and all prior agreements, whether oral or written, relating thereto. Each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that neither Party has made any representations or promises in connection with this Agreement or the subject matter hereof not contained herein.* In part of this discussion it was determined and agreed upon to move forward with renewing the Assumption Beer Permit. Ron Westphal volunteered to look into the information regarding the permit and report to Fr. William. It was discussed to move forward into researching the documentation necessary for the movement of the Festival off the Assumption grounds. It was agreed upon to move forward with notifying Monell's regarding a breach of contract and requesting the monies due to Assumption. Mr. Krog indicated that if litigation were to ensue, more than likely a monetary reward for this breach could be likely in a declaratory judgement. It was unanimously voted to begin with a letter to Monell's requiring the \$20k, and if given no response to move forward with litigation. Mr. Krog informed the council that his firm is willing to begin this process Pro-Bono, and if litigation ensues that the rate would be discounted to ½ or ¼ of the recovery. The council found this favorable and voted to move forward.

The meeting closed at 9pm with a prayer from Fr. William. The next Assumption Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in its regular location in Buddeke House.