

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2019

In attendance: Fr. Backes, Kevin Sullivan, Chris Andrews, Diane McCarron, Nancy Dunn, Dawn Andrews, Barbara Schollmeyer, Michelle Igoe, Andy Igoe, Fred DeWald, Eileen Weslowski, Nan Kramer, Jim Donnack

Committee Updates:

Social Activities: All is on track for the St Stanislaus feast day pot-luck supper on Saturday November 16.

Finance: Working on annual report to the parish. 1st draft is put together. Hoping to get report out by year end, along with an update on Renew and Rebuild funds.

Building and Grounds: Committee has met with the architects to design parking lots. A recommendation has been sent to the Archdiocese and was received. Bids for work are coming in on building exteriors (doors, windows, roof on garage, etc). The work on the front doors of the church is underway.

Education: The annual advent wreath making activity is scheduled for December 1 from 3-5pm. There is also an Advent activity scheduled for children on December 15. The next childrens liturgy is scheduled for November 17th. The 7th and 8th grade classes and the confirmation classes are underway. The first confirmation retreat is December 14. The annual teen conference is December 6-8. Teen club wreath sales will be Nov 29 and 30. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for raising money to cover the cost of the bus for the trip for the March for Life in January.

Liturgy: Continuing to write the Prayers of the Faithful for mass every third month. Will also be available to support programs during advent as needed. Thank you to all who volunteered for Adoration on October 25-26, it was big success.

Staff Updates: The baby bottle collection for Good Council was once again a success this year. Still working on counting up the total collection, at \$900 so far! Annual coat drive is over and many nice winter coats were collected. Taking it to the Streets collection of hats and gloves and scarves is on-going. Sister Mary's jelly sale is on for November 23 and 24. The Campaign for Human Development is now the Office of Justice and Charity and parishes can apply for grants through this office for reaching out to people in our community. The money comes through Catholic Charities. The Family Catechesis is this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The theme is the history of St. Stanislaus Kostka parish. Archives are being gathered. Opening the Word adult faith formation continues on Monday evenings, and a solid 20 attendees are participating. Our FORMED subscription has been renewed for the next year. There are about 50 books from the Word Among Us available for the Advent season. The annual Senior Advent Christmas Breakfast will be on December 19. The latest count of mass attendance was 436.

Religious Education: Year is off to a good start, fire drills and safety drills are complete. The first sacramental prep class was held on November 5.

Knights of Columbus: Working on planning the next pancake breakfast and setting up the outdoor Nativity scene.

Barbara Jones Investigation Meeting: Held at St Joseph's Seminary on September 30, found that the Archdiocese has followed the Dallas Charter rules since 2002. The SAFE Environment program was commended, and recommendations were made to move to electronic files rather than paper in training catechists and staff as well as including a SAFE Environment program for parents.

Fr. Jay: Reminder that there is a Thanksgiving Day mass at 10 am.

Next Meeting date is January 20, 2020