

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2020

In attendance: Fr. Backes, Roger Hof, Michelle Igoe, Andy Igoe, Nancy Dunn, Dawn Andrews, Andrea Tighe, Kurt Schollmeyer, Jim Donick, Kevin Sullivan

- **Education Committee** (Michelle Igoe and Dawn Andrews): The “ADVENTure to the Stable” event in December was very successful. Focusing on Advent as the season to prepare for the coming of our Savior, 35 children and a dozen teen volunteers participated. Work is currently underway for an event to be held during Lent, on March 8th. Attendance remains good for the Liturgy of the Word faith formation that takes place once per month during the school year at the 11AM Sunday Mass. Progress Reports for the first half of the Faith Formation school year will be sent home this week. First Reconciliation will take place on March 7th, with a prep session on January 25TH. Planning is in the early stages for Vacation Bible School, which will be held from June 29th to July 2nd (4 days this year in light of the July 4th weekend). Classes for Confirmation students as well as 7th and 8th graders are going well. A good representation of male catechists this year is a plus. Formatting changes last fall by “Formed” are making this tool harder to navigate – parish staff is working to better understand the changes. Family Catechesis in November focused on the History of St. Stanislaus. This session was well received by all and discussion is underway to make a session available to the broader parish. Finally, Family Catechesis will take place this spring on March 24th and 25th. A Seder meal reenactment is planned.
- **Finance Committee** (Kevin Sullivan): The parish has the okay from the Archdiocese to proceed with publishing the 2018-2019 fiscal year end financial report (some additional minor adjustment to the numbers could come from the Archdiocese). Results from the recent increased giving campaign are encouraging. As always, continued follow through by parishioners is key. Finally, the amount of this year’s Christmas collection was in line with past years, though less than last year due to a large one-time donation at that time.
- **Liturgy Committee (Jim Donick)**: Every third month, this committee continues to write the Prayer of the Faithful used at the weekend Masses. Additionally, the Liturgy Committee will again work with the Knights of Columbus to offer Eucharistic Adoration overnight from Holy Thursday evening (9pm) to Good Friday morning (9am) this year. This Adoration was well received and attended last year.
- **Building and Grounds Committee (Andy Igoe)**: The garage roof was repaired and re-shingled in December, and identified trees were either removed or trimmed. Pricing for replacement windows for the rectory and parish office (second floor) is currently being received, with installation expected for late winter/early spring. Pricing to replace the Parish Hall doors is also in process. A survey of the church property is nearing completion. This survey is required to help address questions regarding the status of Church Street so work can proceed with renovating the parking lot. A contract has been awarded to a design firm to plan renovation of the parking lot and sidewalks. A request was made to ensure all interested parties are included in this design phase (eg: incorporate upgrades for Church technology/cablings in the redesign). Work is underway to fix leaks in the flat roof covering a portion of the Parish Hall. Painting of the external trim on the church will take place in the spring.
- **Nancy Dunn**: A Lenten program for the parish will be chosen soon. Two options from Ascension Press are under consideration. Opening the Word, which meets 2 to 3 times per month, continues to be well attended. Planning is underway for a targeted parish collection for items needed by the Pleasant Valley Food Pantry. The collection is expected to take place sometime in February.
- **Andrea Tighe**: Teen Club numbers remain strong, with a focus on service to the parish (cleaning pews, kneelers, church windows, etc.). The Life March in Washington D.C. takes place the end of this week. A bus taking members of St. Stanislaus and 2 other parishes to the march has 31 participants. The Archdiocese held a Security Planning session for parishes last fall in Hyde Park. As a result, the parish is looking at ways to improve site safety and security, including actions such as security awareness training for ushers, assigning individuals to monitor security during Faith Formation classes, and raising safety consciousness across the parish. More to come on this topic. The annual Mardi Gras event will take place on February 22.