

Minutes of the January 21, 2019 Parish Council Meeting

Present: Fr Larry, Jeff Vitali, Marilyn Hill, Peg Sass, Randy Berd, Paul Hill, Ted Lang, Deacon Greg Willoughby, Matt Ostrowski, Pete Connors

Absent: Ed Pavlica, Phyllis Brady, Bob Brady, Neil Fraylick, Dawn Pulcer, John Karski

Guests: Lisa Vitali, Chair of Marriage Ministry; John Lamana, K of C Grand Knight; Chris Pieback, Communications Director; Bill Scully, Facilities Manager

I. Call To Order: Chairman Vitale called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

II. Opening Prayer: Marilyn Hill led us in prayer

III. Review/Approval of current meeting agenda: No changes

IV. Review/Approval of minutes from November 2018 meeting:

A correction in how "Are You Curious" responses will be handled - After approval from the Parish Council, the Communications Director will send out the response and not the Parish Council Chair. Ayes all

V. Guest Topics

- a. Facilities Manager, Bill Scully discussed the Building Security report and presented various cost estimates or quotes on solving those recommendations that Parish Council deems necessary. (See attachment) More prices are coming in. Bill is asked to look into the cost of either permanent panic buttons or mobile panic buttons to be used by the Organist, the Projection room personnel, the Celebrating Priest and the Teachers during Religious Education to call the Police directly. Bill also to look into an alarm or light that could make it easy to discern if any of the four exit doors from the Church main to the outdoors have been propped open or the latch taped open. MB Pete, SB Peg - ayes all
- b. Parish Council Members are asked to look over the costs and the necessity of the recommended security updates and to come back to the February Parish Council meeting with their priority order of these updates so that we can see which might be able to be funded this year and which will need to be budgeted for in the 2019-2020 budget.

VI. Pastoral Council Projects

- a. Parish Response to Emergency (PRES) Updates - no news from AOD. Pete has called and left messages at the Chancellors Office.
 - i. at this time, we don't even know if the report on PRES was simply a suggestion or if it is moving forward at AOD.
 - ii. A.L.I.C.E Training occurred on Thursday, Jan 17 and 170 parishioners and staff attended. Sgts McLean and Dowty from the Shelby Police Department presented the concepts of "Run, Hide, Fight" and provided all attendees with new thoughts on how to better handle gun violence issues in a crowd.

- iii. The July 1 deadline that was initially proposed for PRES by the ArchBishops Advisory team does not seem workable at this time. If the program is implemented, likely a more reasonable date will be designated.
- b. i. St Therese "involved" volunteer questionnaire was sent out to 640 active volunteers on Jan 7, 2019. As on Jan 21, 51 responses were returned.
- ii. Communications Director, Chris Pieback has input all of those returned comments and presented a report for Council to review and consider. More responses are likely and desired so the cut off date will be extended. Parish Council is asked to read through the report and the updated responses and be ready to discuss and make any recommendations for consideration at the February PC Meeting.

C. Suggestions - Are You Curious

Paul Hill noted that we still need the requested door stops on the outside doors. Chris indicated that he would continue to advertise the program both in the Bulletin and on the screens,

VII. Member Topics/New Business

Pete mentioned that Lexicon Lighting, a local lighting engineering company has decided to help our Parish and provide professional analysis and recommendations on new lighting in our Church parking lot. Bill Scally provided the name of our Lighting Contractor and Lexicon is working with them to give us a price, should Parish Council decide to proceed. There is also a lease program that we would pay for the updated lighting system with the savings from our electrical bill. More information is to follow.

VIII Commission Updates

a. Christian Service Commission: Giving Tree and Adopt -A-Family were both successes. \$33,000 was spent from donations. Eighteen families were assisted and under the Fosters Kid Program 78 children and 37 adults were helped. Nineteen different organizations benefitted. 1200 tags were taken by Parishioners from the four Giving Trees!

- Rambling Rose group donated to several groups for Christmas
 - St Leo's soup Kitchen Ministry provided a Christmas party at the Kitchen with over 100 people taking part in the catered meal and each received a gift bag.
 - St Vincent De Paul assisted over 40 clients during the Holiday season.
 - Career Ministry helped the unemployed during their event this month.
 - Eighteen Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion received their Certificate of Commission.
 - The Euchre Tournament will take place on Friday, Jan 25th with proceeds going to purchase new Altar Server robes.
 - The Brown bag Program will take place on Feb 2 with proceeds going to four organizations.
 - Market Days will be the weekend of April 6 and 7.
- b. Evangelization Commission: Interfaith Discussion on the monthly handout
- Give Away Book discussion - The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity will take place Jan 31. All are invited
 - St Paul Evangelization - Ann Harmon will give a presentation on this Ministry on Thursday Jan 24th. All are invited.

- North Vicariate - Fr Gonyeau was at St Isidore parish on Jan 11 for a Healing Service attended by 800 people.
 - Evangelization table at the K of C Fish fry Fridays
 - Articles on How to Evangelize for the Bulletin will continue
 - Welcoming Counter and Committee will continue to make plans for the future
 - Welcoming Dinner with the Pastor and tour for new Parishioners will take place sometime in March.
- c. Stewardship Commission: Weekly collections were up so far this year.
- CSA average pledge was up this year to \$211.
 - With only 112 pledges remaining it is hoped that all will be in by April 1
 - The weekly email blasts during Advent had a 30% open rate. other Parishes are following our lead
 - We will be adding a Children's page in the bulletin as space allows
 - As part of the 2018 Contribution statement that will be mailed to all contributing parishioners, we will be asking for personal profile updates so that we can stay in contact with our members
 - Family Fun Fest will occur again this year. Also looking into the Consumers Power Project
 - Looking into companies that can help us increase our collections - possibly Fall implementation.
 - Parish Ministry Fair Sunday Feb 10
 - CSA 2019 - Learn successes from other Parishes
- d. Worship Commission: Discussion on "Lighting the Way"
- Lectors and Ushers/Greeters Need more volunteers
 - Music Ministry raised \$1700 at their Christmas Bake Sale
 - Music Ministry to perform for McLaren's Breast Cancer Survivor Dinner at Plaza Grande in October
 - There were 21 adult and 8 teens that helped decorate the Church for Christmas
 - All events were covered for the entire Holiday season by the various groups

IX - Fr Larry's Comment

- 75 young adults were confirmed by Bishop Fisher - music, food , kids were great
- Second graders made their First Confession
- 170 parishioners and staff attended and learned about A.L.I.C.E , and Run, Hide, Fight at the training by the Shelby Police Department on Jan 17
- On Jan 22 at St Sharbel, a Bishop from Lebanon will be at their Church on Hayes
- The Annual Euchre Tournament will be on Friday, Jan 25
- Pasta Dinner will be upcoming
- Feast of the Lord in the Temple is coming on Feb 2
- Throat blessings on Feb 3
- Cupid's Comedy Night for Couples - Feb 9
- Gardeners fund raiser We will sell gift cards to both Denewiths and Wiegands in Spring and we will receive 20% of the profit.
- During Mothers Day weekend mention St Therese of Lisieux and at Denewith's when you buy your flowers and the parish receives 20%.

X. Next Meeting: Monday, February 18

- Peg Sass will take the minutes
- Randy Berd will be the Prayer leader

XI. Closing Prayer: Marilyn Hill led us in prayer

XII. Adjournment: Chairman Vitale adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm