



Parish Council Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2016

Present – Fr. John, Jon Axe, Annette Linden, Terri Zunis, Julie Gauvreau, Don Carmichael, Dan White, Julie Gale, Vicki Simkovich, Jim Jaskowiak, Mark Manning.

Opening Prayer – 7:00 pm

- I. Faith Sharing (fifteen minutes – reading was [MT 3:1-12](#) led by Vicki Simkovich).
- II. Review and approval of November minutes – reviewed and approved.
- III. Discussion Items
 - A. Council decided to have a Christmas Greeting from Parish Council before all Christmas mases. Julie Gauvreau will rework the Christmas greeting used last year. After reviewing Julie’s version, please reply to all council members with your edits or compliments.
 - i. Jim Jaskowiak will read the greeting at 4:30 pm Christmas Eve.
 - ii. Terri Zunis will read the greeting at 10 pm Christmas Eve.
 - iii. Don Carmichael will read the greeting at 8:30 am on Christmas Day.
 - iv. Julie Gauvreau will read the greeting at 11 am on Christmas day.
 - B. Council voted on motions to amend Parish Council Guidelines that were approved on 9/10/2015 regarding membership and officers. Council approved the changes.
 - i. The term of an at-large member will be changed from a two-year term to a three-year term with an option of remaining for a fourth year. Members can serve for one full term of three years continuing on for the fourth (transitional) year.
 - ii. The Vice-Chairperson position will include eligibility of nomination during the first, second, or third year of their term. Subsequently, Vice-Chair incumbents will assume the position of Chairperson the following year.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance (Fr. John) – The November Finance Council meeting was canceled, but will be rescheduled. Collections are at or above projected estimates. Finance Council is waiting for Chemical Bank to decide if the bank will waive the check cashing fee in our case. Firefighters Community Credit Union (our current bank) is closing the LaGrange branch on January 1st and we need a place locally to deposit offertory checks.
 - B. Building (Fr. John) – Nothing to report.
 - C. Welcoming (Danielle Sheetz) –
 - i. The November 13th Welcoming Weekend went well.
 - i. 10 packets were distributed.
 - ii. 17 new families joined our parish.
 - iii. Some potential parishioners grabbed packets, too.
 - ii. Lauren Ferritto is now part of the committee. Chelee said Lauren provided a great deal of help.



- D. Pre-Cana (Jon Axe) - Nothing to report.
- E. GGP (Terri Zunis) – Nothing to report.
- F. Youth (Julie Gale) – Nothing to report.
- G. Festival (Julie Gauvreau) – Nothing to report.
- H. Parish Organizations
 - iii. Holy Name (Dan White) –
 - a. HNS is sponsoring an Appreciation Dinner in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 3rd, at 5:30 pm.
 - b. They are holding a Children’s Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11th, from 12 noon to 2 pm.
 - iv. Knights of Columbus (Mark Manning) – Nothing to report.
 - v. Prayer Shawl (Bernadette Gross) – The Prayer Shawl ministry is currently defunct, but in the process of being reestablished. Kathy Smeltz is looking a co-chair for the group.
 - vi. Comfort Caps (Vicki Simkovich) - Nothing to report.
 - vii. Ladies Guild (Annette Linden) –
 - a. Ladies Guild adopted the Haven House for their yearlong project to donate to them on a monthly basis.
 - b. The Guild is taking up collections for Life Care.
 - c. The Guild’s Christmas dinner will be December 12th at 6:30 pm. Any ladies that would like to come are welcome, but please bring a dish to share.
 - d. The Guild paid half of the cost for the Appreciation Dinner the HNS puts together every year.
 - e. The Guild completed the bathroom renovation project and got reimbursed for half of the cost by the HNS.
 - f. The Guild’s next fundraiser will be the Spaghetti Dinner on February 4th.
 - viii. Parish Nurse (Bernadette Gross) –
 - a. New boxes were ordered for the AED (defibrillator) machines. The boxes will be placed in more conspicuous spots. One machine is in the church and another is in the Parish Hall.
 - b. The ministry is working on another training session in February. The goal is to get many more parishioners trained.
 - ix. Helping Hands (Don Carmichael) – Nothing to report.
- II. October Retreat-
 - i. Planning for the next 10 years at OLQP.
 - a. Mark Manning donated a white board to be used as a Thank You Board. Will install it on or before December 10th.
 - b. Could also record the Thank You Board sticky notes electronically for a Thank You Board book at the end of the year.
 - ii. Bring goals and objectives for each of the main areas.



- a. Taking the plan forward.
 - a. Mark Manning, Dan White and Don Carmichael will work on How to take plan forward.
 - b. We will need a subcommittee of 2 or 3 from Parish Council and 2 or 3 from Finance Council.
 - c. Need to have a bigger meeting eventually with the parish.
 - b. Evangelization.
 - c. Ministries/Stewardship.
 - a. Terri Zunis, Mark Manning, and Jon Axe will form a subcommittee to make a Stewardship Survey booklet.
 - b. Need to determine when we will conduct the Stewardship survey.
 - c. What about a ministry fair? You could see what everyone else is doing in the other ministries.
 - d. Family.
 - e. Building (brick and mortar).
 - a. Phase II and III of the construction project.
 - b. Pavilion.
 - f. Faith/Education.
- III. Forming Intentional Disciples by Sherry A. Weddell will be read by Council this year.
- IV. Great Catholic Parishes by William E. Simon Jr. will be read by Council this year.
- V. Mathew Kelly's book Resisting Happiness will be provided to parishioners free of charge at Christmas. Dynamic Catholic has a daily advent event called "Best Advent Ever" (<http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/>).
- III. Pastor's Address –
- a. December 14th will be "An Evening with Greg Wasinski," an advent reflection from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. All are encouraged to come.
 - b. Reverse Raffle will be February 18th. Parish Council will donate a basket. Tickets cost \$45 this year.
 - c. Parish Council will be cleaning the church at 9 am on 12/10.
- IV. Items for January Agenda – the next Faith Sharing leader will be Julie Gauvreau.
- V. Meeting Adjourned – 8:20 pm

Jim Jaskowiak, Secretary