



Parish Council Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2017

Present: Don Carmichael, Jon Axe, Grace Ogonek, Terri Zunis, Julie Gauvreau, Vicki Simkovich, Jim Jaskowiak, Mark Manning

Opening Prayer – 7:00 pm

I. Faith Sharing (fifteen minutes – reading was [MT 21:1-11](#) led by Don Carmichael).

II. Review and approval of March minutes – reviewed and approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. Great Catholic Parishes book up to page 178.

- i. Technology, communication, and youth can be used together to draw people in.
- ii. Society is constantly changing. Our communication methods need to evolve.
- iii. Our parish should look for ways to support people in their daily lives. Meet people where they are at.
 - a. Small groups where life's challenges can be discussed.
 - b. Community meal.

B. Brain Storming – Faith in God through the Eucharist and Sacraments.

- i. What are we most grateful for in looking back upon the past 10 years of our parish?
- ii. What are our hopes and dreams for our parish in the next 10 years?
- iii. Tabled until next meeting when more Council members will be present.

C. Our Shining Moments (formerly known as “Good Bragging”)

- i. Improvement opportunities exist for coordinating with Spotlight Ministries.
 - a. Better communication regarding what to do would be helpful.
 - b. A half sheet may be better received.
- ii. Maybe use an easel instead next time instead of a hand-out.

D. Stewardship Survey and subcommittee –

- i. Mark Manning presented a 5-7-minute overview of Flocknote.
- ii. Council had a 5-8-minute Q&A session after the presentation by Mark.
- iii. Parish Council supports getting Flocknote implemented as soon as possible. Implementation will start with the ministries. If successful, we can roll out to the larger parish.

E. Parish Goals subcommittee – Grace Ogonek will assume the role of chairperson of the Parish Goals subcommittee.

F. Easter Greeting from Parish Council – Council decided that we would like to have council members or youth present a greeting.

G. Other -

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance (Fr. John) – Nothing to report.

B. Building (Fr. John) – Nothing to report.



- C. Welcoming (Danielle Scheetz) –
 - i. Welcoming Committee missed their Spotlight Weekend. A reminder with the date would have been helpful.
 - ii. The next Welcome Weekend should be at the end of April.
 - iii. Chelee Quarm will check with Jim Andrews to find out when the Spotlight Weekend can be rescheduled.
- D. Pre-Cana (Jon Axe) -
 - i. Terri Zunis and the entire Pre-Cana group did a great job in getting everything setup before the last event started.
 - ii. The group shared valuable life experiences with about 11 engaged couples through scheduled talks and by one on one conversation.
 - iii. One of the couples told Jon's wife that they were pleasantly surprised how enjoyable the day really was.
 - iv. The Pre-Cana team worked well together and enriched their relationships, too.
- E. Greater Grafton Partnership (Terri Zunis) –
 - i. Grafton will be doing old time Christmas next year.
 - ii. Hoping to get our youth to do a live nativity.
- F. Youth (Julie Gale) – Nothing to report.
- G. Festival (Julie Gauvreau) –
 - i. May 6th and 7th is the Festival kick off.
 - ii. The Festival still needs a marketing person for advertising the event.
 - iii. Here are the minutes from the March 22, 2017 meeting:
 - 1. Committee Reports
 - a. **Food** – We have two vendors paid, and five outstanding. The EC youth will man the snow cone and cotton candy booth for us again this year for their service hours.
 - b. **Crafts** – Nothing to report
 - c. **Fireworks** – All set to go
 - d. **Amusements** – Waiting on contracts
 - e. **Kids Games** – Nothing to report
 - f. **Car Show** – The car show will be on Friday from 6:00 – 7:30 pm check in will begin at 5:30pm. Prizes will be awarded in different categories.
 - g. **Chinese Auction** – There was a lot of concern about not being able to have alcohol in the baskets that are being raffled. It was explained that this is a state law and that the Diocese put out the word that this was no longer permitted. The committee will discuss what they can do. Also, if we are putting the tent next to the main tent it needs to be larger (20 x 20).
 - h. **Bingo** – Nothing to report
 - i. **Gambling** – Nothing to report



- j. **Beer Garden** – Heidelberg will be handling all of the beer and wine. We will also have a Frozen Daiquiri and Margarita machine. There was discussion on the size of the Frozen drinks we will serve, 8oz or 12oz. We will have samples of both at the next meeting.
- k. **Entertainment**
 - i. Thursday – **Protect and Serve Night**. Our thought is to contact the Fire, Police, EMS, Lorain K-9 unit, Lorain Swat, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Nurses, Bloodmobile and have them bring in vehicles or a booth. We will set them up in the back parking lot. Hopefully we get great response from the units. We can have them there from 6:00pm – at least 8 or they can stay later. There will be \$2 ride coupon in the chronicle and the Rural Urban for this night.
 - 1. Don Lloyd will be in Beer Garden. You can listen to some of his music by looking up “Don Lloyd” on U-Tube.
 - ii. Friday – **Family Night**. This night will be for the family. We will have shows going on in the Main tent from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. The rides will also be discounted \$2 for the evening
 - 1. Metro Parks in Main Tent – 6:00pm
 - 2. Magician in Main Tent – 6:20pm
 - 3. Matt Harkin Balloons Main Tent – 6:40pm
 - 4. ??? 7:00pm – checking with the Library
 - 5. DJ – 8:00pm – 10:30
 - iii. Saturday – **Fireworks Night**. For the bike rodeo, there has been concern that after the rodeo the families leave to take the bikes home and we do not know if they return. What we are going to offer this year is they can store the bike in the garage after the bike rodeo, hang around and pick it up when the leave for the evening. Sort of the same premise as a coat check. They will get a ticket when the drop the bike off and present the ticket to pick the bike up. There will also be \$1 food coupons in the Chronicle and Rural Urban for this night only.
 - 1. DJ – 6:00pm – 10:30
 - 2. Bike Rodeo 6:30 – 8:00pm
- l. **Advertising** – Not much going on here. We have the placemats for Michelle’s Café coming in May and we have articles in the Chronicle and Rural Urban in late July. We need to ask Ann McDonald if she can get us some small articles throughout the summer leading up to the festival. Jeanine in the office will help with flyers and any other items we may need.
- m. **Sponsors** – Nothing to report



- n. **5K** – Julie will get the form to Jim to post on the website. Jim will look into E-Catholics event registration module.
- o. **Main Tent** – Debbie Griffin is going to be our Announcement/Raffle Drawing Coordinator. Her job will be to ensure that the announcements are ready to go and that the persons doing the announcements understand when and how to do them. She will also handle the Raffle drawing. Making sure the proper ticket matches the proper prize and that names and numbers are obtained prior to awarding the prize. This should cut down on the mass confusion we have on both of these items. We will give more details at the next meeting.
- p. **Raffle Tickets** - We are making a change to the tickets this year to see if we can boost sales. We are adding two more pricing tiers, one at the low-end and a high-end price. Here is the breakdown.
 - i. 1 ticket = \$3
 - ii. 2 tickets = \$5
 - iii. 5 tickets = \$10
 - iv. 15 tickets = \$20

Hopefully this will spur more sales.

- q. **Misc.** – We will again be offering Midview, Keystone, Elyria Catholic, St. Jude and St. Mary the opportunity to have a free booth at the festival. Joanie is contacting Midview, Debbie is contacting EC and St. Jude. Jim will contact Keystone and St. Mary. We also will offer a free booth to the library.

The volunteer sheets will go out in June.

- 2. Next meeting – April 19th at 7pm
- 3. Future meeting dates:
 - a. May 3rd
 - b. June 7th
 - c. July 12th
- i. Volunteer meeting July 19th

H. Parish Organizations

- i. Holy Name (Dan White) – Nothing to report.
- ii. Knights of Columbus (Mark Manning) –
 - a. The number one program of the K of C is their Lenten Fish Fry. K of C encourages all parishioners, the Parish Council members, and staff to visit our Lenten Fish Fry event from 5-7 pm on April 7th.
 - b. The K of C Spring Charity Raffle allows our local K of C council to support its many charitable causes: RCIA, Catholic Education Fund, Special Olympics, Couples Dinner Dance at OLQP, and more.



- c. New Catholic gentlemen our always welcome to our K of C council. Applications are available at all their events.
 - d. Please consider joining soon.
 - iii. Prayer Shawl (Bernadette Gross) – Nothing to report.
 - iv. Comfort Caps (Vicki Simkovich) -
 - a. Comfort Caps recently distributed 75 pillows and 50 caps to the center formerly known as the Ireland Cancer center. The center was grateful to receive the pillows and caps because they had just run out of these items.
 - b. Comfort Caps does not have a date for their next sewing event. It will be scheduled when all the groups get together in June.
 - c. Kathy is hoping to have a summer sewing event if Comfort Caps can reserve a time slot in the Parish Hall.
 - v. Ladies Guild (Annette Linden) –
 - a. The Ladies Guild had a luncheon at a Tea House in Strongsville. The Guild usually tries to do something as a group once a year, outside of their regular meetings.
 - b. The Rummage/Bake Sale collection days are Sunday, 4/23, from noon to 4pm and Monday, 4/24, from 9 am to 4 pm.
 - c. The Rummage/Bake Sale will be held Friday, 4/28, from 9 am to 5 pm; and Saturday, 4/29, from 9 am to 12 noon. Saturday will be \$3/bag. Anything you can put in a bag is only \$3 total.
 - d. The Guild will be checking with officers to determine if anyone doesn't want to go on for another year of their two-year term.
 - e. May will be the Guild's last meeting until September.
 - vi. Parish Nurse (Bernadette Gross) –
 - a. The Parish Nurse ministry performed blood pressure and blood sugar screening on April 1st after the Saturday 4:30 pm mass.
 - b. May 6th will be a screening at the Food Bank.
 - c. The lab work will be June 4th from 8 am to 12 noon. This will include approximately \$600 worth of lab work including PSA (prostate) for men at no cost to the patients.
 - vii. Helping Hands (Don Carmichael) –
 - a. The Parish Food Drive went well. Helping Hands received a good amount of the items that they needed, although the total collection was smaller than last year.
 - b. The March Food Pantry events gave out food to 28 families.
 - c. The Community Meal had 95 recipients.
 - d. Helping Hands is getting ready for the May Food Drive from the Post Office.
 - e. There is a Family Promise hosting the week of May 21st.



f. There may be an Eagle Scout project to improve storage in the back room.

viii. Pastor's Address – Nothing to report.

III. Items for May Agenda – The next Faith Sharing leader will be Terri Zunis.

Jim Jaskowiak, Secretary