

Meeting Summary

Date of Meeting: July 10, 2019

Meeting: SLDM Parish Council Meeting

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Attendees: Father Travis, Louie Jorczak, Jaime Anderson, Chris Harper, Jeff Grasser, Jeff Oelker, Pat Clarke, Scot Boutcher, Mark Mader, Steve Schwegman, Chad Greene, Alan Lessard.

Absent: Father Pat, Chad Melloh.

Agenda Items:

1. Opening Prayer:

- a. Father Travis led us in opening prayer.

2. Parish Picnic:

- a. The Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 18, 2019. Everything is ready and has been booked for the picnic. It was again confirmed that the Knights of Columbus will be doing the cooking for the picnic and providing the grill, as well as the hotdogs, brats, and burgers. Past Grand Knight John Baughmann is heading the Parish Picnic Committee for the Knights. Access has been confirmed and will council members will be given access to the space at the park by 4:00 p.m. Most council members raised their hands that they would be available to assist.
- b. Jamie is organizing getting items to the picnic in her car. She asked for a volunteer with an SUV to haul other items. Discussion was also held regarding whether the Knights will have room on their truck to bring items. There seemed to be a belief that there would be room, but nothing was definitively determined. That discussion is still open.
- c. With respect to the mass prior to the picnic, it was confirmed that everything has been coordinated—i.e. music, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc. The music ministers will bring their own items.

3. Ministry Contact List:

- a. Discussion was held regarding the ministry contact list's new organization by pillar. The old list will be maintained as a resource for contact information for the ministry leaders. Jeff Grasser and Jeff Oelker were thanked for their efforts with the ministry list. The ministry list is now finalized with the exception of several notes below. (see 3.c. and 3.d.)
- b. Ministry information sheets still need updated to include dates, location and contact persons for the ministry meetings. Ministry liaisons were encouraged to contact their ministries. Substantial discussion was held regarding the necessity of the ministry reports. It was determined that there is a utility to them, particularly if the ministry has a budget. In addition, it is important to update the contact information, dates and times for meeting, and location as discussed above.
- c. It was determined that the "Young Adult Ministry" should be added under the "Adult Formation" category (Reid Leazier will be heading that up). It was confirmed that homebound ministry issues were handled under the Liturgical Ministries pillar. It was determined that ushers should go under the Prayer Pillar in the "Liturgical Service" category.
- d. It was announced that Angela Exner is the Parish's Coordinator of Adult Formation, Mission and Discipleship. She will also be heading the Adult Formation ministry category, to which Chris Harper is the liaison.
- e. Steve Schwegman encouraged the ministry liaisons to coordinate ministry videos. Steve can get the ministry liaisons a list of which ministries have a video complete. It was confirmed that time sensitive information has been edited out of most videos, so there is no need to re-do a video if one was done last year.

4. Parish Priority Plan

- a. There was only a brief update on the Parish Priority Plan because there was no staff meeting within the last month. There will be a second communication meeting on August 6.
- b. The Parish app is gone.
- c. Discussion was held regarding small groups role as a "method" and not a ministry.

- d. Name Tag Sunday was a success.
- e. Lord's Pantry participation was "beefed up."
- f. The Farmer's Market needs volunteers. There was discussion as to whether the Knights of Columbus did anything with the Farmer's Market, but it was inconclusive. Parish council members discussed their own interest in participating in the Farmer's Market. Father Travis encouraged those members to get the contact information for the coordinator of the Farmer's Market group.
- g. The Junior High Service trip was discussed – it is an outreach program entitled "Just Serve."
- h. It was confirmed that transportation has been arranged for the Legion of Mary, with 6 or 7 volunteers. There are no insurance concerns, as these are individual volunteers.

5. *Exploratory Committee*

- a. Substantial discussion was held regarding the exploratory committee. A brief history of the committee was given for the benefit of council members who have been absent at recent meetings.
- b. Discussion was held about a 5-year master plan similar to the Parish Priority Plan in order to discuss use of space at the Parish.
- c. Scott Stewart would like to have a pre-school for three-year olds on campus. The committee is designed to be neutral so that strong opinions on either side of the Preschool and use of Parish space are not overly represented on the committee.
- d. Substantial discussion was held about what to do with the current Craig Willy hall. Most Parish Council members thought that there was not a necessity to do a big building project with the space at Craig Willy Hall and thought that the space was adequate for the Parish's needs. Obviously, future administrative changes at the Parish will affect these discussions and the Parish's goals.
- e. Substantial discussion was held about how to most efficiently utilize the space. Most Council Members took the position that the space was sufficient for focusing on what the Parish does well. The questions we must answer going forward are: (1) does the Parish need a 3-year old preschool?; (2) how does the Parish best utilize the space it has? (Does the Parish build a new building in place of Craig Willy hall? – most council members thought no. Does the parish repurpose the Ministry Center to accommodate the Preschool? Does

the parish repurpose the rectory to accommodate the Preschool and buy a house in a neighborhood for the pastor as the Church did for Father Travis?). The preschool was the primary issue discussed, but also discussed were other uses for the space where Craig Willy hall is—a theatrical arts center for the school, music arts, and gathering space. This would be a substantial investment, and most Parish Council members thought such an option would be too costly considering that we are pretty efficient with the space that we have and considering that we do so much extremely well (the school was held up as an example of SLDM's excellence).

6. Open Forum

- a. Most Open Forum time was used discussing the Exploratory Committee. However, it was mentioned that the Parish Council should be more communicative by email. It was determined that such an effort should be made.

7. Closing prayer:

- a. Father Travis led us in closing prayer.

Next Meeting --- August 14, 2019 at 7 PM