

Parish Council Meeting
Holy Redeemer Parish
September 17, 2018
MINUTES

In attendance: Wayne Williams, Matthew Williams, Jennee Chin, Millie Vega, James Hudson, Deacon Jim Doyle, Fr. Mark Smith, and ministry chairs Paul Fontaine, Bob Martin

1. Opening Prayer

2. Pastor's Comments

Thanks to Sean Ballantine, Carol Boettinger, Rose and Dave Tully who all finished PC terms. Welcome to heads of new committee who will report to PC as serve as quazi-new members.

3. Old Business

Strategic Plan/Mission Statement: So far our work on the Strategic Plan has revealed two themes that we can focus on, even as we work to capture the rest of the plan in writing. First, balance parish leadership AND stewardship by recapturing our understanding that we, as a parish, are the Body of Christ. Second, build on the notion of 'belonging' by inviting members to participate more fully in Mass and to become more involved in parish ministries.

4. Vision for 2018-19

The direction of the parish remains the same. Our Parish Council, over these last few years, has focused on Worship with the understanding that without good worship, we cease to be a church. It is also the source and connection for our other two areas of focus: Community and Service/Mission.

5. Progress on Leadership/Stewardship:

- a. Special Needs Ministry: A small group of parents of children with special needs have stepped forward to offer a friendly hand to other parents or individuals in similar situations. This is an incredibly generous offer and a 'calling' for each of them. The first step will be a meeting, offered at various times, to solicit an understanding of what type of help might be needed. The first one is scheduled for Monday, October 15th.
- b. Stewardship Group: This group coordinated our three week campaign last December, which resulted in a 14% increase in our Sunday Offertory. They want to continue this work to offer a similar campaign this December to increase participation in our parish ministries. A Ministry Fair is in the planning stage.
- c. Spirituality Committee: This group reported they are up and running with a full offering of spiritual events. They are already promoting these events to the parish in all the usual ways and with a special postcard.
- d. Youth Group: Also up and going with active participation from the youth.

6. Current Need:

Building and Grounds Committee: The Council supported an idea to develop this new committee. Now we look for parishioners who can join and help:

- a. Prioritize the many physical plant projects
- b. Write out the scope of work for each project
- c. Oversee the bid process
- d. Recommend a contractor to the Parish Council
- e. Help oversee the project and provide continual reports to the Council
- f. Celebrate a presentation to the parish upon completion of the project

7. Project schedule

- a. Fealy Hall Tree removal: DONE
- b. Major replacement of old convent roofing: DONE
- c. Restore Fealy Hall to be used for receptions and gatherings project: IN PROCESS
- d. Renovate still unused portion of old Convent into a Music Room: **this project is designated recipient of Harvest Bazaar 2018 fundraiser**

8. "Around the Table"

- a. Hand sanitizer for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- b. More hand railings in sanctuary
- c. Publish our parish policy on Child Protection on our website
- d. Hold another 'Town Hall'/Listening Session on Church Crisis to help parishioners discern the truth
- e. New signage around parish
- f. Add a Suggestion Box
- g. Updated/new Membership Directory with online version

Next Meeting: November 19, 2018 at 7 PM

THIS WILL BE AN OPEN MEETING! Open to anyone in the parish interested in attending.