

Parish Council Meeting  
Holy Redeemer Parish  
March 18, 2019  
MINUTES

Attendance: Wayne Williams, Ginger Thompson, Jennee Chin, Cathy Buffington, Millie Vega, Matt Williams, Fr. Mark Smith, Rob Bourque, Bob Martin, Geraldine Adams, Alex Sonski, Loren LaVoy, Fred Strathman, and Mike Mehalick from Scouts

\*\*not all agenda items were addressed at this meeting. Some topics were covered in more depth than others.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pastor's Comments
  - a. Welcome to heads of new committees, CYO and Scouts reps.

They were all welcomed and thanked for attending, especially the Scouts reps providing a fuller representation of our parish community.

- b. General Life of Parish (Safe Haven, Principal Search)

3. Fealy Hall Policy
  - a. Space for parish events and events for families of the parish
  - b. Policy, pricing...
4. Church sound system feedback: hearing assist
5. Spiritual Life of Parish/meeting the needs of people?
6. Marriage help

Geraldine Adams presented a proposal to offer a pot luck dinner once a month for two months to support married couples in living out their vocation. Ideas included a movie night or events with babysitting. Personal invitations/announcements at Mass were stressed as key to success. PC was supportive. Dates to be planned. Virtus to be followed.

7. Impact of Church Crisis: Ministries/groups safety

Emails and other messages encourage us to trust that more healing is needed for our parish with this issue. A mother expressed her 8<sup>th</sup> grader's bewilderment of 'how could someone do something like that to someone else?' This captured the shock, sense of betrayal, and hurt so many Catholics are feeling. Another night for the parish to process these feelings is appropriate. The counselors for local parishes could be invited here for an evening presentation to be scheduled before Easter.

8. "Around the Table"

Next Meeting: May 20, 2019 at 7 PM

Other:

- Alex Sonski presented findings on a Parish Directory for 2020 to the strong support to the PC. We will respond to him to continue the process.
- Bob Martin presented an update of Stewardship committee. They are working on a Mission Statement. At next meeting we will review our current ministries/committees and group them by type. Then we will look for gaps in services offered. Then work to promote these to engage involvement from all parishioners.
- Rob Bourque gave update of Disabilities Ministries. We now have large print bulletins. This group will reintroduce selves at Mass and explain how the assisted sound system works. Was mentioned we need to promote these services on our homepage. Wheelchair pews are needed. Review of parking spaces is needed too.
- Scouts: After a move from FH to FSR and Mezz and the scheduling conflicts that followed, we assured them that they are not getting squeezed out. Their presence at PC meeting was chance to foster improved communication between the parish and the Scouts. Child protection was also

addressed. They informed us that they not only comply with Virtus, but go beyond it with Scouts requirements.