

Parish Council Minutes – November 29, 2018

Attendance: Barb Foley, Bill Peters, Amy Kelemen, Luke Kotcher, Carl Cooper, Dick Roseland, Pat Tobin, Judy Peckham, Mary Anne Howe, Karen Karr, Steve Rothermel, Lori Fick, Melissa Lavallee, Ed Lewandowski, and Fr. Chuck

Opening Prayer: Melissa Lavallee

Commission Reports:

Admin/Finance:

- Monthly financial report – we are in good condition financially
- Final audit report from Archdiocese – they gave us recommendations but stated that overall we are in a good financial position
 - Fr. Chuck will respond to all the recommendations
- Update on Emergency Procedures –
 - The information pamphlet has been completed and will be shared in January 2019
- The solar panel lease will be extended automatically for 5 years
- Endowment funds information– will have a presentation for parishioners to attend on the evening of January 15th

Athletics:

- Judy is going to be talking to Ann G. about some suggestions for making the concession stand more efficient. (We can't keep up with the volleyball tournament demands at the concession stands (especially during the break times)
- We have enough basketball coaches
- We don't have a Court Manager yet

Christian Formation:

- RCIA – we don't have anyone yet this year
- Saturday Night Live will be 3 times a year from now on (tentatively)
 - March, August, and October (3rd Saturday of the Month)
- There will be another Saturday Day of Prayer on March 9th 2019

Christian Service:

- Food and gifts for Rock Church taken to the Rock on Dec. 1st and 2nd.
- Jan 17th will be the first date for "Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It" program

Evangelization:

- Bishop Barron videos sent out over internet – 1 negative response from parishioners and the rest were positive
- An Advent thought per day will be sent out via Flocknote

Health:

- 154 people were anointed this past October

Liturgy:

- The Advent team is all set
- About 340 loaves of bread were made for Thanksgiving.

Social:

- Lori Fick and Pat Tobin presented information about Bridge Bread and proposed having the program at MMOC
 - This program benefits the homeless in St. Louis
 - We would sell the Bridge Bread products here at MMOC
 - We would need about 6 volunteers to make the program sustainable (to sell the bread after each mass)
 - It was suggested to try it once a month at first
 - The council supported the program and would like to start in January or February
- About 141 photos were uploaded to the Servant Keeper Directory
 - In the future we would like to have new parishioners take a photo when they sign up to be parishioners or when an ambassador greets them

Youth:

- The weekend Christmas Sale went well! All the proceeds goes toward Steubenville
- They will be hosting a pancake breakfast in January or February
- The Conformation Retreat will be on MLK Weekend

Fr. Chuck:

- Michael Weisbrod, from the Roman Catholic Foundation, will be making a presentation here at the parish on **Tuesday, January 15, at 700p** on endowments. Parish Council members should attend since they will be a part of making the decision to do this or not. Parishioners will also be welcome to attend.
- **Request from the SVDP Society:**
With their reserves being reduced due to growing expenses and need, and the fact that they skipped a collection when we were asked to take up a collection for the victims of the fall hurricanes, I have been asked by Judy Belford, president of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, if the Parish would be willing to change our original agreement with the SVDP regarding revenue from the St. Vincent de Paul Store Thrift Bin on our property. The original agreement was that any revenue received from St. Vincent de Paul Society for the items picked up from the bin would go to the Parish Operating Budget. Most conferences receive all revenue generated from the Thrift Store Bin. Judy was asking if the Parish could afford to give the revenue generated from the Thrift Store Bin to our conference especially for this current fiscal year.

I asked Ann to crunch the numbers. The amount budgeted was \$1500 for FY2019 / We have already received \$920 for the first 5 months of the year / based on our current monthly average, we would be giving our conference \$1288.

The Ad Fin Commission voted unanimously in favor of transferring the revenue from the SVDP Thrift Store bin from the Parish Operating Budget directly to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and recommend that the Council approve this change in both our current and future parish budget. – **The council approved this change.**

- Takeaways from Dave Baranowski's presentation on Stewardship
 - ❖ Some parishioners didn't attend because they thought it was about money – Stewardship is more about money and bringing people back into the Church
 - ❖ Dave has great energy and a great story to tell
 - ❖ It was suggested that Dave attend a Parish Council meeting – he was invited to our January meeting
 - ❖ It was suggested during the presentation to get away from using the words "time, talent, and treasure" and instead use "prayer, participation, and generosity."
 - ❖ Maybe we could incorporate the "numbers" for program attendance. Could we put these numbers in the Update?
 - ❖ Dave is going to be forming a Stewardship Team for our Parish

Dick Roseland:

- Christmas Party info:
 - ❖ Saturday, December 29th, 6:30 PM at Dick Roseland's house
- Right now there aren't any good uses for the Athletic Fields so it has been recommended that we continue to maintain them (in a smaller way) and do our best to have an athletic event for the youth down there (which is our original agreement when we got the property).

What's the Buzz?

- **Luke Kotcher was named an "Eagle Scout"**
- **The Friday Friends group collected \$350 for a family in need**
- **The Giving Tree and Food Collection for the Rock Church is this weekend**

Closing Prayer: Luke Kotcher

Next Meeting January 24, 2019:

Opening Prayer: Bill Peters
Closing Prayer: Steve Rothermel
Snacks: Pat Tobin