

## MMOC Parish Council Minutes – May 24, 2018

**Attendance:** Barb Foley, Melissa Lavallee, Bill Peters, Amy Kelemen, Mary Anne Howe, Randy Howe, Pat Tobin, Mary Galaske, Carl Cooper, Karen Karr, Judy Peckham, Dick Roseland, Steve Rothermel, Claude Leezy, Bob Slama, Sr. Suzanne Giro, Ann Werner, Michelle Martin, Luke Kotcher, and Fr. Chuck

1. **Opening Prayer – Amy Kelemen**
2. **Annual Budget updates/questions – Claude Leezy**
  - a. Slightly revised format
  - b. The budget was reviewed May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ad/Fin meeting and was presented to the council for approval tonight
  - c. It was voted on and approved by standing members of the council
3. **Communication – Ann Werner**
  - a. In our commissions, we need to be aware that others respond to emails, texts, phone calls, etc. differently. Be aware that each commission member may not always check emails daily or see texts.
  - b. If you have to miss a Parish Council meeting make sure you have someone to fill in for you from your commission.
  - c. Melissa will ask Ann G. in the office if the commission heads can have access to the email accounts so that they can send emails out from those domains.
    - i. The mailboxes don't actually exist so we are only able to forward incoming messages to the council members' personal mail accounts.
  - d. Update – we would like to look at the schedule and timing of when update articles are due/go out to the parish.
  - e. If a commission meeting is being held offsite (or is cancelled), please make sure that we inform the office and it can be included in the bulletin. Also try to have a sign on the door outside in case someone shows up that read about it in the bulletin/calendar.
4. **Parish Updates – Fr. Chuck**
  - a. **Feast day celebration** - went really well!
    - i. It was suggested to do this multiple times a year
    - ii. Sign up Genius went well too! – it was great having people commit ahead of time
      1. Ann G. in the Parish Office can set it up for us and send it out electronically instead of having a written one in the back of church
  - b. **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)** – Our goal is participation (returning the card regardless of saying yes or no)
    - i. We had only 17% of parish participation
  - c. **Upcoming Facility Upgrades**
    - i. New carpeting installed in classrooms

- ii. Room dividers are being replaced in classrooms
- iii. Transition from electric to gas
- iv. Parish Hall sound system update
- v. Looking at swipe system for Reilly Center (instead of keys)

**d. Athletic Discussion**

- i. The number of position vacancies has increased and we don't have the volunteers to fill them
- ii. Communication is a struggle because of the outdated software and information on website was outdated
- iii. We have some wounds to be healed within our Parish Community
- iv. The recommendation is that Mary Mother's Athletic program will merge with Assumption – it's what's best for our children!
  - 1. Even if we merge, we will still need many leaders – Will be looking to fill them by July 15<sup>th</sup>
    - a. We need k-2 director, lay directors, uniform-equipment manager, etc.
  - 2. Teams will be merged together unless there is a previous MMOC team – they will stay together
  - 3. K-2 programs will try to stay here with MMOC t-shirts – we need a k-2 director in place by July 1

**e. Endings**

- i. We will only have 1 children's liturgy of the word each week– at 9:00
- ii. The teen ensemble has dwindled and will be combined with other choirs
- iii. Changes in adoration may also be coming
- iv. Just because we're changing a few things, there is still opportunities to have new ideas take over – we are evolving!

**f. Review commission responsibilities**

- i. Over the summer, we want to look at events that no longer happen, new groups, vocations, stewardship, photo directory, etc.
- ii. We want to discuss how to get information out there and which commission it goes through

**g. Listening sessions/Town hall meetings**

- i. Fr. Chuck asked if it would be worthwhile to do listening sessions/town hall meetings one year later with the parish– the council agreed that it would be a great idea

**5. Evangelization – Michelle Martin**

- a. Delivers a bag of wine, bread, and salt to new parishioners
  - i. VBS students are going to paint "Welcome to MMOC" on the canvas bags for future parishioners

**6. Accomplishments**

- a. **Send Melissa an email of the positive things that have been accomplished in the past 2 years from your commissions to be added here!**
7. Make sure to hand off council materials to the next commission leader
8. **Closing Prayer** – Ann Werner

**Next meeting – June 28, 2018 – 7:00 PM**