

Parish Council Minutes - February 28, 2019

Opening Prayer: Carl Cooper

Review January Minutes

Attendance: Carl Cooper, Fr. Chuck Barthel, Pat Tobin, Karen Karr, Ed Lewandowski, Mary Anne Howe, Deacon Randy Howe, Barb Foley, Dick Roseland, Luke Kotcher, Bill Peters, Amy Kelemen, Melissa Lavallee, and Fred Kotcher

Absent: Judy Peckham and Steve Rothermel

Commission Reports:

Admin/Finance:

- Monthly Financial Report
- Report from Don Schepers on the past 5 year giving trends
- Presentation on Church Emergency Procedures > this weekend > March 2/3
- Baseball Fundraiser – goal is to sell 200 tickets (73 sold so far)
- An additional posting for Stewardship: Gifts from stocks, charitable funds, etc.

Athletics:

- South County Basketball playoffs at Assumption 3/23 - 3/24, 3/30-3/31; 2 more weeks of instructional basketball
- Baseball (grades 4 and 5) and Softball (2) teams start April 12.

Christian Formation:

- Several Lenten programs will be starting.

Christian Service:

- No meeting this month due to Valentine's Day
- Rice Bowls have been distributed
- Room at the Inn – March 15
- When will there be a special St. Vincent de Paul collection?
 - March 31st
- Update on how the "Need to Talk About Race" program
 - 20 people attending, with 3 facilitators

Liturgy:

- Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule: 630a, 830a, 700p
- The Lenten Team has met and prepared for Lent

Social:

- **Bridge Bread**
 - Was sold out the first weekend
 - Will be sold after masses this coming weekend
- **Spirit Wear**
 - March 9-10 Items will be available to try on – parishioners will be able to order online or in person before April 12
- Fish Fry and Book Fair are scheduled

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Youth:

- Confirmation retreat went well – 14 8th graders attended the retreat

Fr. Chuck:

- Endowment Fund – the Council discussed what they learned at the meeting. These are some of the highlights of the discussion:
 - An Endowment Fund would give the Parish a place for parishioners to plan to donate money in their wills
 - We discussed informing parishioners about including MMOC in “End of Life” planning – having discussions about it and teaching parishioners
 - This fund would have no association with the diocese
 - **The recommendation at this time is to have the new Stewardship Group discuss this and create a Memorial Gift Program.**

These items are a repeat from the January minutes:

- 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the creation of our parish. How shall we celebrate that event?
 - ❖ What happened for the 25th / 40th?
 - For the 25th anniversary the bishop came out.
 - ❖ What might the anniversary year look like? Do a “where are we now”, homecoming, have the former priest(s) show up, family picnic, have a “come back home” event for former parishioners to revisit. Get a feature article. A parish mission.
 - Could have multiple events (need to get on the calendar soon)
 - ❖ Who would be good leader-types for the event?
 - Maybe we put together a steering committee under the Social Committee
 - Send some names to Fr. Chuck of who you think would be good for this
- Recent reflections:
 - ❖ “Big” picture vis-à-vis a unified picture. How can we work at a unified picture for the parish?
 - ❖ The Parish Mission Statement
 - ❖ In addition to where have I experienced Christ / seen the face of Christ this past month, I would like for us to consider this reflection item also: How / where has our parish/parishioners been a radiant light in the world / a bold witness? I’m also wondering if maybe we should to these activities in the beginning of our meeting, replacing the opening prayer?
 - ❖ **Radiant Light and Bold Witness – These should drive us as a council and parish**

Dick Roseland

- Update on Parish Council nominations / discernment evening
 - We had about 40 nominations, but not all parishioners were asked ahead of time if they were interested. We would like to encourage face to face invites.
 - Night of Discernment is coming up March 5th – Outgoing members are strongly encouraged to attend, all are welcome

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What's the Buzz?

- The tithing groups will be here the first weekend of April – the purpose is to meet them face to face

Closing reflections & prayer

Where have I experienced Christ / seen the face of Christ this past month?

Where has our parish / parishioners been a radiant light and / or a bold witness?

Concluding Prayer after the Reflections: Dick Roseland

Snacks: Barb Foley

Next Meeting: March 28, 2019 - 7:00 PM

March Closing Prayer: Steve Rothermel Snacks: Mary Anne Howe

April Closing Prayer: Karen Karr Snacks: Dick Roseland