

## Parish Council November Minutes 2019

**Opening Prayer: Silence**

### Sharing

- Where have I experienced Christ / seen the face of Christ this past month?
- Where have I witnessed our parish / our parishioners being a radiant light and / or a bold witness?

**Attendance:** Sandy (& Howard) Hoffmann, Karen Karr, Carl Cooper, Dick Roseland, Fr. Chuck Barthel, Alex Norrenberns, Ed Lewandowski, Gary Leiendecker, Rob Telthorst, Becky McDonnell, Carol Mason, Deacon Randy Howe, Mary Ann Schulte, Steve Rotherme

**Absent:** Judy Peckham

### Review and Approve October Minutes

#### We welcome Dave Baranowski to our meeting!

- Update on Stewardship events
  - Ministry Fair – 2/22 and 2/23 depending on what the preparations are for Ash Wednesday and if each commission could get everything together in 2 months
    - Dick will get the information to the commissions before Sunday
    - Block out PAC for this as well
    - Each commission would have run a booth after each Mass for the fair
    - Charisms that fit each ministry will be helpful on the presentation
  - Life in the Spirit Seminar – 3/12, 3/19, 3/26
  - Parish Leadership meeting - September
- How does the Parish Calendar reflect stewardship, planning, etc.?
- Stewardship plan moving forward:
  - 6-8 week process
  - January 2021 will begin our Stewardship renewal
    - Before this, we need to look at all the different events the parish has/participates in on a yearly basis
    - Each commission needs to audit the different activities for which the group is responsible
  - Renewal timeline presented
- Prayer groups to include families
- Follow-up with people who are here for special events like Baptisms and Weddings
- Trying to add 50 new families this year
  - Invite a friend to Mass once a month with a fellowship opportunity after Mass
  - What are we invited people back to?
  - Announce the friends who attend
  - Name tags needs to come back
- Spiritual Gift Inventory had 110 participants. We need to start using this information and invite people in to help
- Generosity – the gift of money is something we need to help others with.
  - Dave Ramsey is a Christian financial planning course. Dave and Sharon will help facilitate this program if there is a need. Small investment for the parish to purchase the kit. Each participant would have a small fee for the course materials.

- Parish endowment fund should to be started and look at more in depth

### **Commission Reports:**

#### **Admin/Finance:** Carl Cooper

- Attendance/Collections
- Seeking a consensus from the Council to purchase 3 new AED's, which will be the same as the current one we just purchased. Reason for the purchase? In addition to some concerns on the AED's that we have received from the manufacturer, our AED's are 12 years old. A little over a \$5000 investment. Consensus given.
- Unrestricted giving revenue is less against the budget.
- Active shooter preparation. Do we need training?
  - The counsel would like to rehear what the different options are for this again.
  - **Please put this on the agenda for the January meeting**
  - See Fr. Chuck's section for more information

#### **Athletics:** Judy Peckham

- Two boys' teams participated in the city/county playoffs - 5th gr and 8th gr teams
- Two girls' teams (8th gr and 6th gr) will participate in the South County playoffs during the first week in December
- 20 basketball teams have been formed - 12 boys and 8 girls
- Instructional basketball registration will close on November 25. All instructional games this year will be held at Assumption's gym. Instructional Basketball will begin the first Friday in January 2020. This year an effort will be made not to have games at AAA and MMOC at the same time.
- The Volleyball program will be in need of a new coach and a lay director.
- AAA Auction recap - \$83,000 was raised to get a new floor and bleachers in the gym...about \$125,000 will be needed for the project.
- February 22, 2020 will be the AAA Trivia Night
- Plans are being made for a 3 on 3 indoor soccer tournament in early August 2020
- Several things will be taken off this commission with the merge
- Attends all Assumption Athletic meetings and is the liaison between the two parishes

#### **Christian Formation:** Karen Karr

- Learned a lot at St. Louis Islamic center
- Pro-Life Christmas Cards are on sale after all Masses until they run out.
- In January or February, there will be a Parish Festival of Ministries. David Baranowski will attend the Parish Council meeting to discuss this and other subjects.
- The "Life in the Spirit" Seminar will be held on Thursdays, March 12, 19 & 26. (This falls under the Evangelization Commission.)
- Our annual Day of Prayer will take place on the first Saturday of Lent (February 29, 2020) from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We will have a guest speaker this year, Susan Komis.
- The next Meeting Our Neighbors will be on Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm. It will be at The New Northside Baptist Church on Goodfellow Blvd. We will join them in a bible study and social. This is now on SignUp Genius.

#### **Christian Service:** Rob Telthorst

- Anything special for SVDP for Dec?
  - Christmas baskets for neighbors in need
- Medicaid expansion petition - 203 signed the petition for thanks to the help of many (10) volunteers who collected signatures at the parish and beyond.
- A possible spring and fall recruitment event

- We need an MCU representative that can attend MCU meetings regularly.
- Service days - regularly scheduled a few times a year and planned as calendared at least 6 months in advance.
- Rock Church Christmas events needs more volunteers. Please use the Signup Genius.

**Evangelization:** Steve Rothermel

- ACTS participation/core team
  - 5 members going off the team
  - Not many new members to replace these
  - Not many people want to go on the retreats
  - Do we have enough to support retreats now?
  - Should we combine with another parish?
  - Do we invite members from other parishes?
- New Member brainstorming
- Possible Jubilee billboard depending on cost.
- Jubilee yard signs to hand-out to all active parishioner families.
- Bringing back prior priests for one weekend a month to again sway lost parishioners back for a weekend (Fr Chuck Barthlewitzwatzka (sp), Fr Pete Shavez, Fr Mark Wittman, Fr Jim Byrnes and Fr Gary Zerious (sp).)
- Dave B suggested we raise the bar to 100 new families so we don't fall short of the goal. He is also checking into putting information in the St Louis Review. He also suggested that maybe each ministry is given a goal to bring back prior parishioners.
- Suggestions to have a BBQ for PSR parents once a month while their kids are in class. Let parents know if they want their children to attend MMOC PSR, then they should be asked to attend mass with their kids at least once a month.
- Bring back donut Sunday once a month.
- Provide local realtors and provide them with some type of pamphlet with information about the parish for new move ins.

**Health:** Mary Ann Schulte

- Coffee and Chat: October 26<sup>th</sup> regarding Breast Cancer that was very informative and 4 attended.
- Mass of Remembrance: November 2<sup>nd</sup> was well attended.
- Healing Mass for Divorced and Separated: Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm
- Blood Drive: Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2 to 7pm with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. We are looking for volunteers – 1-2 hours. Please contact Michele if you are able to help.
- CPR/AED Class: November 8<sup>th</sup>. There were 6 participants.
- Report on Hospitality ministry workshop: On November 16<sup>th</sup>. Michele gave her medical emergency talk. Advised if anything should happen, they should immediately call 911. If needed, there is a phone in the Jonah Room.
- GriefShare Fall Sessions: winding down, unsure of start date for next session. The next session will not start until March 2020.
- Good Samaritan Driver Ministry Report: used 4 times
- Fish Fry's for 2020: Baskets will be ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fish Fry.

**Liturgy:** Carol Mason

- New servers
  - 6 new servers
- Focus for this year is *"Prepare our hearts as we journey to your kingdom"*.
- This year for the children there will be an Advent window calendar available.

- Name & contact info of any new H.M. or Lectors to be placed on the new schedule that will be from December to Ash Wednesday
- Live-streaming MMOC mass - applied for a grant to help with the costs associated with this. MMOC needs new equipment upgrade before we can live-stream mass.
- Life in the Spirit seminar will be in March 2020.

**Social:** Becky McDonnell

- Soldiers Memorial Trip
- Bridge Bread Sales?
- December 6 - 7:00 pm Annual Advent Glow - The presentation will contain reflections and music and will last for one hour. Babysitting available
- December 12 - Sensational Senior Christmas Potluck Lunch at noon in the Parish Hall
- December 15 - Happy Birthday Jesus Party- Everyone's invited, especially kids and grandkids - 11:00 am mass, followed by lunch and activities in the parish hall. Unwrapped baby gifts will be donated to Our Ladies Inn. RSVP via sign up Genius
- January 25 - Progressive Dinner- Invitations will be sent all parishioners in early December. Babysitting provided. Hosts needed.
- Fish Frys- Feb 28, March 13, and March 27
- Stone Soup nights will be on the calendar. Families help make the soup for a pantry.

**Youth:** Alex Norrenberns

- How are sales going after mass?
- Sat & Sun, Nov 15 & 16 Christmas Sale after all Masses – Raised around \$1700 during this weekend.
- Sat & Sun Nov 23 & 24 Christmas Sale after all Masses – Clean up and Pack on Sunday following 11:00 mass and Sale.
- Confirmation planning meetings. 9 candidates this year? Clare will be sending out invitations to all teens inviting them to participate in the retreat. Once we have a group determined we will choose when our meetings will be.
- Prayer Group every Wednesday night in the Youth Room 8 to 9 pm
- Sun Dec 8 – Spiritual Night – Youth Group Christmas Party.
- Sat Dec 14 – Our YG service project begins.
- January 2020 Confirmation planning meetings
- Sun Jan 12 – Spiritual night – Pro Life Discussion and some videos
- Service project for January –Progressive Dinner babysitting on Sat night.
- Confirmation Retreat is in Feb 15 & 16

**Pastor: Fr. Chuck**

- Moving adoration to the Church during the daytime on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, beginning **Tuesday, 12/3/19**. Issue is sound from both the lobby and the office permeating the Chapel. Adoration will be in the Church from 900a to 400p on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Adoration will be in the Chapel from 400p to 800p on Tuesday, 400p to 700p on Wednesday and from 400p to 900p on Thursday, as it already is.
- From Tuesday's Administration-Finance Mtg.> Revisiting the conversation on intruder awareness in Church – what to do?
  - ❖ An Invitation from the Archbishop to consider doing an intruder alert training. See Attachment
  - ❖ Architect will come out for an assessment on our exits
  - ❖ A misperception as to what the Council said last spring > an intruder plan was not needed. Fr. CB asked the question: How safe do you feel in Church? There was a proposal to lock exterior doors, save for one once Mass starts. Because Catholic Churches have not experienced active

shootings, less prone to develop a plan.

- The committee needs to know what to do next.

❖ Fr. CB's suggestion: invite Tier One Tactical??? out again for training session.

**Ed Lew:**

**Vice Chair:** Gary Leiendecker

- Start PC election process
  - Nomination manual to set up the process.
  - Election is March

**Chair: Dick Roseland**

- How is everyone doing with Update Articles? What do you see the purpose of the Update to be?
  - Update articles – a way to communicate what's happening in the parish. This goes to every home.
    - Is this still an effective way to communicate?
    - This isn't just a restatement of what's on the calendar.
    - Changing the option to have this mailed. Change the option to be able to opt in for the future.
    - Phone survey is possible
    - What articles do you like?
    - Do you read the update?
    - Do you want to continue?
    - Send Gary a note by Sunday if you like the spotlight
- Are we having any success inviting old/new people to mass and events?
- Do Pulpit announcements need to start with an attention getter and have some more pizzazz?
  - Liturgy commission please review

**What's the Buzz???**

**November Closing Prayer:** Dick Roseland

**Snacks:** Sandy Hoffmann

**Next Meeting: January 23, 2020 - 7:00 PM**

**January Closing Prayer:** Carol Mason

**Snacks:** Dick Roseland

**Reminders:**

- Update Article submissions
- No Dec PC Meeting
- Jan 4, 2020 PC Party at the Roseland's - Please let all that will attend know what you plan to bring via Flocknote
  - Roseland's: 3566 Yaeger Crossing Ct 63129 6:30 PM