

Parish Council Minutes September 2020

Attendance: Fr. Chuck Barthel, Gary Leiendecker, Becky McDonnell, Sandy Hoffmann, Carol Mason, Kim Blackford, Mary Gudinas, Mary Ann Schulte, Rob Telthorst, Maura Clancy, Cheryl Degenhart

Absent: Jeanne Rothermel, Dave Baranowski, Deacon Randy Howe

August Minutes

- Any Questions / Corrections?
- Approved

Follow-up from the August Meeting & earlier > Gary

1. Before discussing proposed Commission realignments, each commission is being asked to submit to Gary & Dave what subcommittees are part of the Commission and what are the dates scheduled for tentative events.
2. Annual stewardship (renewal to commitment to be a steward) to take place in January/February. Is there going to be a festival of ministries every year? Under normal circumstances, this should happen every year but with the current environment, looking for something different might be best. We recommend not having the traditional festival of ministries. Videos could be possible. What does the stewardship committee envision for this? How can we make their vision happen? Wendy Franklin would need to be contacted.
3. Should we shift our stewardship focus from The Rock to St. Anthony's of Padua? Could a committee be formed to determine how to go about helping St. Anthony's? Before we made the shift, could we reach out to the Rock to learn more about their parish and see what else we could do to help there? How can we get more people out to do "front line" work to help others? Talk to tithing – Laurie – and Steve who takes the donations to the Rock.
4. Christmas yard signs. "Jesus: The Reason for the Season." Fr. Chuck would like the Mary Mother name prominently displayed on the sign. We agree this would be a worthwhile event for the parish.

Commission minutes recap and new information

Admin/Finance: Mary Gudinas

Beyond Sunday distribution received > \$4814.61. It covers the cost for new PSR curriculum Faith Direct is over 50% of our stewardship revenue.
Some major problems in the future > Reilly Center roof - \$100,000 is for both Church & Reilly Center + parking lot

Christian Formation: Kim Blackford

How can we affect the social justice education to positively impact parishioners? Maybe pushing interaction through service might be a good starting point. The term social justice should "turn people off" to the group. The peace and justice commission might be a better name or way to present this aspect of our stewardship. Social justice incorporates a large number of categories and aspects of the world. Catholic social teaching has 7 items that Fr. Chuck will email the members of the PC. Acts of mercy and service go hand and hand and need to affect change.

Christian Service: Rob Telthorst

The group discussed handing off the spiritual formation/education part of our mission to Christian Formation. The next education program which will most likely be a web based social justice curriculum.
The Rock Church Christmas Program: a month-long Christmas food drive from approximately Nov 6 to Dec. 6. The Christmas gift program is still being discussed. Most likely we will be asking our parishioners to adopt a family from Rock Church. The families will provide us with a wish list for gifts. We are exploring the safest way to give the gifts, i.e. gift cards or actual merchandise that could be wrapped.
Dave Baranowski initiated a discussion regarding linking our Christian Service, evangelization and formation efforts together. Everyone agreed that overlap between commissions should be coordinated where ever possible.

Evangelization: Jeanne Rothermel

Health: Mary Ann Schulte

Surviving Divorce – September 3rd for 12 weeks in the

Flu Clinic – Sunday, October 4th-Volunteers Needed. It is still being planned with Walgreens. At this point, only flu shots offered. There are 50 high dose shots available (for >65). Please check the "Nurse Corner" in bulletin for more details.

Good Samaritan Driver Ministry. A limited # drivers are still providing transportation. We have served 2 parishioners for a total of 5 rides.

Mass of Remembrance – Saturday, November 7th. Many things will obviously be different this year. Still to be determined how this will be done.

Walk to Bethlehem – It was suggested during our meeting we revisit this activity. This is an activity to help promote walking and an activity that can be COVID friendly. There was discussion regarding when to have it-Advent or Lent. Hoping to get it together by Advent for a positive experience.

Liturgy: Carol Mason

Social: Becky McDonnell

Bunco cancelled

Picnic Dinner – Oct. 11 4-6:30pm (Oct. 18 rain date)

Reverse Trunk or Treat – Oct. 24 6:00pm

December 4 Advent Glow (Christian Formation)

Dec. 13 - Happy Birthday Jesus Party for Families- there will be a modified version

Jan 30, 2021- Progressive Dinner- we are discussing ways to make this happen. Should this be moved to a warm weather time?

Youth: Maura Clancy

Started more in person meetings. In October, they will have 4 activities.

Reflections/Updates from Fr. Chuck

- Update on the Jubilee Committee meeting > Taking place next Tuesday, September 29.
 - The mission in February has been canceled for its February dates. Have to decide whether to reschedule it or not, based on other activities already planned. It would be rescheduled for the fall.
 - Archbishop Rozanski will be the presider for Mass on July 31, 430p.
- ACA > surpassed our **challenge** goal by \$2K > \$89,509
- Thank you from 3 families to help with sending their children to a Catholic school. The change of policy will be in next week's bulletin.
- Christmas surveys – mass will occur in church and live streamed to Riley Center and Parish Hall.
- Parish Leadership Day on October 3

What's the Buzz???

- We have celebrated 6 of the 9 funerals for the St. Joe Sisters, and they are incredibly grateful. Gave us a check for \$2300, whereby we made a of tithe of \$230 to the Development Office in the name of the Sisters.
- PSR – have two options – home school or in person. 30 1st – 5th - they are using a new program for this program this year based on the bible. 13 middle schoolers – this is a program through the Sunday Visitor based on 7 themed books. Living Rosary will be cancelled for now – this will hopefully be rescheduled at a later time. Children's Liturgy at home to be considered.
- The bi-laws need to be reviewed. At least 3 parishioners need to form a committee to do this too.

Next Meeting: October 22, 2020

Who is willing to lead the concluding prayer – Dave Baranowski

Kim Blackford > Closing Prayer