

## Parish Council Minutes February 2020

### Opening Prayer: Silence

- 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 Hoffmann, Karen Karr, Carl Cooper, Dick Roseland, Fr. Chuck Barthel, Ed Lewandowski, Gary Leiendecker, Rob Telthorst, Steve Rotherme, Judy Peckham, Becky McDonnell, Alex Norrenberns, Mary Ann Schulte, Deacon Randy Howe

**Absent:** Carol Mason

### Review and Approve January Minutes

### Follow-up from discussions / presentations at previous meetings

1. Any progress on finding a new MCU rep? > Rob
  - a. Mary Factor and Ed Piper will both be reps
2. Update on the PC Nomination process > Gary
  - a. 21 nominees
  - b. 8 will be present at the night of discernment
  - c. Youth Rep still needed
3. Any proposals regarding what the future of the Athletic Commission will look like? > Judy & Ed
  - a. If the commission dissolves, who will be speak for the MMOC people with the Assumption Athletic Board? Can this be done through an athletic rep?
    - i. The athletic rep will communicate with the Social Chair
    - ii. The rep would be responsible to attend the Assumption Athletic Board meetings
    - iii. Assumption Athletic committee already communicates with Ann about things that need to go into the bulletin and pushed out by Flocknote
    - iv. Vote:
      1. keep the commission - 0
      2. rep under social – 14 - all agree
    - v. Ask a parent who currently has a child playing for Assumption to be rep
    - vi. Sandy Hacker will also be asked
4. Update on the By-law revision > Ed
  - a. PC manual and policy/procedure manual needs to be revisited
    - i. What do we know to give the next person to be the commission chair?
    - ii. Are we passed the stage of having this?
    - iii. The policy/procedure manual is needed and important to have so everyone understands how things work for MM
    - iv. A place needed to go to see this
    - v. This should be electronic and one person in charge of making the changes so everyone is reading the same information
    - vi. A few other small, grammatical issues in the by-laws to be looked at by Ed and Gary
    - vii. Bigger issues will be put on the next PC agenda
  - b. What does each commission need to keep? What is needed to archive?
    - i. Can everything be scanned to keep an electronic copy for the sake of history and to archive the information?
    - ii. Would a Google account help to keep everything organized?
5. The Update Survey > Gary
  - a. Fr. CB: I told Jackie that there would not be any further Spotlight articles coming

from the Council, but only after her email request earlier this month. Just use what she has.

- b. 50 surveys came back.
  - i. 47 want to keep it going
  - ii. 45 read all of it
  - iii. Quarterly isn't what the parishioners want based on the surveys
- 6. How can we best use the Spiritual Gifts Inventory? / Where do we go from here? > Dick
  - a. All commissions have the results
  - b. Look at the results to find replacements for retiring or leaving volunteers
  - c. What gifts line up with what ministry?
  - d. Resend the results to all commissions – Dick**
    - i. By gift and by person**
  - e. Spend some meeting time review who people are and what gifts they have
    - i. How do you want to use your gift?
  - f. Asking people for help based on their gifts might be more powerful
  - g. Look for a spiritual gifts inventory for younger people

### Items that might need quality time for discussions

- 1. Thank you for the Festival of Ministries. Your thoughts / observations / reactions. What does Festival of Ministries future look like? > Dick Roseland
  - a. Great job pulling things together in a short time!!
  - b. It seemed like a lot of the same people were there
  - c. Healthier food
  - d. Needs to be more of a celebration than information sharing
  - e. People working the crowd and not afraid to approach others
  - f. Is it too overwhelming to have everyone presenting their different groups at the same time?
    - i. Can this be done in the vestibule? One month per commission?
    - ii. Create a video of pictures to run to give information about the commission
  - g. Put a paper in the pew asking what everyone is willing to do
  - h. Put a video on the website explaining what the commission does
  - i. Food truck?
  - j. Social media needed
- 2. The two latest proposals for increasing our safety during the celebration of weekend Eucharists: 911 app & Locking Doors after Mass begins > Carl
  - a. What is the lock down procedure for the church?
    - i. Continue and develop this procedure
    - ii. Present to PC when this procedure is developed
    - iii. Send questions to Carl via Flocknote to the PC by Monday**
    - iv. See Ad/Fin minutes for further information**
- 3. Evangelization/ambassadors > Steve
  - a. Suggests we put the ACTS program to sleep for a while and not cut it totally
  - b. The Ambassadors bring a bag to new families and greet them
- 4. Review our policy for when Mehlville closes, especially if the evening is clear. Three recent "inconsistencies:"
  - a. December Parish Penance Service – everything closed during the daytime – confessors were scheduled > About 50 people attended – simplified the service – told the musicians to remain home
  - b. Same evening: CYC basketball practiced
  - c. Our January Parish Council meeting.

**Here is the existing policy, as it is stated on the Parish Website:**

When **Mehlville School District** cancels classes due to winter weather, it is our policy at Mary, Mother of the Church to close our campus as well. If Mehlville cancels evening events only, then our evening events are cancelled.

This impacts things such as Eucharistic Adoration, meetings, exercise programs, and sports practices. **(While PSR decisions also use this rule to determine whether classes are held, any cancellations of PSR will be communicated directly to the families.)**

Masses will be held as usual, but always use common sense when venturing out into icy weather. *Your safety comes first!*

*In addition to this policy, we will also send a Flocknote message to our parishioners **whenever** the campus closes due to weather.*

1. When do we close the campus?
2. Maintenance issues – salting the walks, etc.
3. Ability to reschedule meetings would be difficult
4. If we stay with the policy that the campus closes when Mehlville closes, the whole campus needs to be closed
5. The decision is made that when Mehlville closes ALL activities will be canceled including PSR
6. Special Events will be decided by Fr. Chuck

**Commission minutes recap and new information**

**Admin/Finance:** Carl Cooper

- Reminder that budgets are due this Friday, February 28!!!
- 2019 -2020: MAJOR PROJECTS
  1. Emergency work was performed on the Baptismal Font water supply circulating pump and water heater cost \$3,470.
  2. Additional asphalt patching required after bid cost \$1,100.
- 2020-2021 MAJOR PROJECTS
  1. Tuck pointing upper level of Reilly Center cost \$3,000.
  2. Additional security cameras on building exterior (2 locations) cost estimate \$5,000.
  3. Church upgrade camera/ laptop for homily recording/ add projector cost \$21,500.
  4. Replace shingles on Annex roof, minor repair of other shingle roofs, repair membrane roofs, clean and repair gutters
  5. Replace HC door operator at Vestibule/Office cost \$2,310.
  6. PSR intruder alert system: 911 GUARD app to be evaluated for this use
    - a. If someone presses the panic button, the message goes out to all police officers who have the app on their phone
    - b. There is a different place to get help from all people with the app their phone
    - c. There are no police officers with this app on their phones
    - d. Traffic is another concern
    - e. **See #2 about the discussion session**
- Because all exits are located in the rear of the Church, it was strongly recommended all doors to the church be locked when church services begin. Emergency Response subcommittee has implemented the same safety issues due to fire and natural disasters AD/FIN is in the process of addressing “active shooter” – intruder alert. AD/FIN will present to the Parish Council our findings and request their concurrence to complete an intruder alert, “active shooter” program with lockdown of the church doors.
- Parish Farewell party for Ed and Ken June 14<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 AM Mass

**Athletics:** Judy Peckham

- All coaches and volunteers must complete the new format of Protecting God’s Children, “Prevent and Protect” by 12/31/20
- All Head Coaches for grades 5-8 must attend a 3 hour CYC mandated class which costs \$25.

AAA will cover the cost for those who attend when they have a special presentation of this class. If taken on your own you will incur the cost.

- Beginning with the Fall Sports, AAA will increase their prices for registration to be in line with the rest of the South County Schools.

**Christian Formation:** Karen Karr

- Life In the Spirit Seminar is scheduled to take place on Thursdays, March 12, 19 & 26 at 7:00 pm in the Reilly Center. With a training meeting is planned for Sunday, March 1, from 1:00 - 4:00 pm in the parish hall.
- Annual Day of Prayer will take place on February 29, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Susan Komis.
- April 22 is the Women's Interfaith Conference in Hazelwood.

**Christian Service:** Rob Telthorst

- Discussion concerning how to involve the youth in environmental projects. Also discussed was an event for earth day and or perhaps a "Healthy Planet Expo"

**Evangelization:** Steve Rothermel

- ACTS will take a break at MMOC.

**Health:** Mary Ann Schulte

- Fish Fry's for 2020: The 1<sup>st</sup> Fish Fry is February 28<sup>th</sup>. This weekend is the fish fry raffle basket preview weekend. This weekend, March 7-8, March 20-21. If you are at mass please stop by before or after to help sell tickets, no need to sign up. The same goes for the Fish Fry's. Gift certificates are being collected. We currently have about 50 gift certificates. There are 12 baskets already put together with more to come.

**Liturgy:** Carol Mason

- Michael James Mette would like to come to MMOC for another concert - possibly July. He will also handle the music at each of the masses that weekend.
- 6 people on a committee to search for a new Director of Liturgy.
- On 04/18/2020 we will have 2 bishops from Uganda. After the 4:30 mass on Saturday, there will be a meet and greet.

**Social:** Becky McDonnell

- Lenten Fish Frys- Feb 28, March 13, and March 27. - 4-7pm in the parish hall. Dinners will cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children

**Youth:** Alex Norrenberns

**Pastor:** Fr. Chuck

- I received some pushback from 3 parishioners regarding my bulletin article in which the Liturgy Prep Team asked for a spirit of silence before the Liturgy began. Responses were about it being part of our history/the fiber of our parish – how important it is to reach out to the visitor – it's an opportunity for seniors who may not have the opportunity to interact with many people to socialize with others.
- Tentative Date for next 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting > March 16
- Search Committees are meeting.
- Holding hands during the Our Father with the current flu and virus issues – please only hold hands with your family.

**DRE:** Ed Lewandowski

- Any updates on the Life in the Spirit Seminar and the Day of Prayer on Saturday?

**Vice Chair:** Gary Leiendecker

**Chair:** Dick Roseland

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

- Communication/social media or people needed to help

**Next Meeting:** March 24, 2020 - 7:00 PM – Please Note Date Change

**Closing Pray:** Alex