

Ss. Mary & Mathias Parish Council Minutes

November 25, 2019

Present: Laurie Ludman, Fr. Troy Richmond, Konrad Wilke Tim Peters, Fr. Hai Dinh, Deacon Dennis McDonald, Annie Almeida, Cara Fuller and Laurie Ludman

Absent: Deacon Tony Mouzon, Refugio Cenicerros, Laura Custis, Ben Nietzel, Judd Anderson, Linda Depuydt, Tommy Fallon, Robin Edwards, Frank Kelly and Jennifer Radar

Prior to the meeting opening it was determined that no formal votes could be made as we did not have a quorum. It was discussed that the only item we had to vote on was the minutes and we would do that by email.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Troy

Father Troy began with reading next Sundays Gospel – He asked some reflective questions.

Laurie Ludman called the meeting to order.

Review the draft of October's minutes: Laurie ludman presented October 2019 minutes for review. Minutes were approved by all present and Laurie will send out an email to the Parish Council to obtain approval of minutes so that they can be posted.

Administrative Reports

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Troy discussed the following:

- Just returned from NCYC and it was a very powerful weekend. The theme of the weekend was Blessed Broken Given. Father indicated that all of the speakers had a profound impact on the youth. Father shared that during one of the keynotes the adults were invited to pray over the youth and then the youth prayed over the adults. One youth came forward after the conference and indicated he may be interested in the Priesthood vocation. Father shared that the Youth were on fire with enthusiasm and it was an overall great weekend.
- Annual appeal we have reached nearly \$95,000 – Father indicated that letters will go out to those who gave last year and not yet this year. Father indicated that the Finance Council will be making these calls.
- The Parish pictorial directory – being prepared by Universal Church Directories has been a challenge. They received proofs and there were many errors. Sister Cheryl and Maria made corrections and sent it back to them. The hope is that it will be ready by Christmas this year. It was discussed that the Parish Directory is done every 4-5 years. Sister shared that many of the photos are outdated in the beginning of the directory. It is unfortunate that more current photos were not available.

Ministry, Commission, Committee Activity Report Additions and Call to Action

Finance Council/Business Manager

Reports provided

Faith Formation Ministry (Board of Education/Youth Minister)

Report provided

Hispanic Committee

No report

Father shared that Sunday December 8th is the big celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be a small band and music with carnitas, rice and beans. Father encouraged all parishioners to attend.

Church and Family Life Ministry (Hospitality and Relationships)

No report provided

We will do Donuts and Coffee on December 15 – will continue with once per month

Liturgy Committee

Report provided

We will be starting a greeter ministry. Requesting people to be at the doors 30 minutes before mass – Annie will be encouraging families to sign up.

Social Action Committee

No report

Stewardship Committee

Report was provided

Building and Grounds

Report was provided

Vision 20/20

A report will be requested for future meetings

Old Business (Current Initiatives/Un-finished Business)

- Safety Update - Sister indicated the safety initiative is going well. Police officers advised that the safety designee should not leave the church for 5 PM mass. Advised that we do not need someone scanning the parking lot. Encouraged to stay in the church, sit by the confessional. The safety designees will handle calling 911 and the AED. Sister ordered medical kit for the usher closet. Juice and water will be available in the refrigerators. Sister has all the Christmas masses covered with the exception of the Christmas Spanish Mass
- Update on School Auction – Ben was not present but Father reported that they made \$123,000 – it was well attended and a lot of fun.
- Parish Council Biographies – Jennifer will do hers in December and Robin in January – email them and photo to Denise

New Business

- Ministry Goals and Objectives Discussion and the Retreat in January. There was a good discussion regarding this. Discussed that we need to have the Vision first and then develop the goals and objectives to support the vision. Discussion regarding evangelizing and intentional discipleship and Vision 20/20. Father indicated that the priority is the pastoral plan and we need to develop measurable goals and have a plan that flows from the mission and vision. Discussed that at the Retreat we need to bring additional people to the table and have a facilitator. Father Troy will try and find someone in the diocese to facilitate, a couple of names were discussed. Key participants are Parish staff, chairs of committees, School Board President, Finance Council President, and Principal. The Parish Council will have an executive meeting to discuss the agenda and next steps. Deacon Dennis McDonald suggested that we take a look at the St. John Vianneny Pastoral Plan.
- Discussion regarding more than 250 people are not coming to church we need to encourage attendance with Personal contact
- Welcoming event – Soup Supper will be January 25th following the 5 PM mass. Discussed the need to publicize this and as this is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week this would be a great way to bridge the relationship with the Parish and School. Suggested that the Church and Family Life Ministry work with some involved parents in the school (Kiley Hagerty may be a possibility as she is on the Stewardship committee) to discuss co-chairing the event. Table decorations. Gannon Hall has an occupancy of 236.

There will be no December meeting – Merry Christmas

Next meeting Monday January 27th at 6:30 PM in Gannon Hall

Laurie Ludman adjourned the meeting

Closing Prayer: Fr. Hai

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Ludman December 3, 2019