

Ss. Mary & Mathias Parish Council Minutes

January 27, 2020

Present: Fr. Troy Richmond, Tim Peters, Fr. Hai Dinh, Deacon Dennis McDonald, Annie Almeida, Sister Cheryl Demmer, Robin Edwards, Laura Custis, Judd Anderson, Linda Depuydt and Laurie Ludman

Absent: Deacon Tony Mouzon, Refugio Cenicerros, Ben Nietzel, Tommy Fallon, Cara Fuller, Frank Kelly and Jennifer Radar

Opening Prayer: Fr. Troy

Laurie Ludman called the meeting to order.

Review the draft of November's minutes: Laurie ludman presented November 2019 minutes for review. Minutes were approved as written. Motion made by Tim Peters to approve and Laura Custis seconded the motion, all present approved.

Administrative Reports

Pastor's Report:

Fr. Troy discussed the following:

- Father received from the Diocese an invitation to celebrate **Called By Name** Sunday which will be held on February 16, 2020. This is an opportunity for sharing of vocation stories. On Feb 23, 2020 there will be cards in the pews to encourage parishioners to pray for people in which they have considered for the vocations of priesthood, consecrated life and marriage.
- Light of the World Retreat is coming up in March and there will be invitations sent out to all who attended Alpha. Father asked that as Parish Council members we invite 3 people we know to attend the retreat. It is a wonderful way to encounter Jesus and to hear the witness stories from others.
- Parish Council and Vision 2020 Retreat will be held on Saturday February 29th from 8:30 to 2:30 PM. We will be praying over the parish vision and mission and we will be working on becoming more missionary minded within our parish.
- During Lent there will be two Sundays devoted to specific aspects of Stewardship – one for Prayer and one for Treasure and tithing.
- Discussed the cost of the Catholic Messenger and a need to make the parish more aware of how the subscription works and how the parish is billed for the subscriptions that are not paid for by parishioners. It was discussed that simply cancelling the subscription is not the answer.
- Discussed that the ADA campaign is going well for pledges. Discussion around that the amount has not been received for ADA and it takes several months for that to occur.
- A Second collection at the Spanish Mass occurs instead of Food and Shelter collection and this money will go towards the deficit for the Catholic Messenger.

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

Sister highlighted the Lent schedule is done and was provided

Music Liturgy

Report provided

Linda requested that Divine Mercy Sunday announcement needs to be announced in the Palm Sunday Bulletin so there is time to complete the Novena. Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter.

Hispanic Committee

No report

Church and Family Life Ministry (Hospitality and Relationships)

Report Provided

Liturgy Committee

No report provided

Social Action Committee

Report provided

Stewardship Committee

Report provided

Building and Grounds

Jim Cottrell shared via email that a new light will be installed at the back of Gannon Hall for improved visibility and security. Jim is working with Jim Berns on this.

Vision 20/20

No report provided

Old Business (Current Initiatives/Un-finished Business)

- Parish Council and Vision 2020 Retreat is rescheduled for February 29th due to the weather.
- Sister shared that a Fire Alarm went off on Epiphany Sunday. Sister is going to be meeting with the fire department to discuss procedures for when it goes off. We should not be telling parishioners to stay in their pews. Sister will also be discussing tornado season and the sirens and what to do. This often comes up at the 5 PM mass. Sister shared there will be another safety meeting coming up. She also has 2 new people for the 8 am mass. The safety group is going very well. Sister shared that she is looking into cameras for the church and breezeway - a business has come forward and offered to purchase these for the parish
- Robin Edwards shared that she is working on the paintings with the possibility of getting them appraised. It was discussed that we need to know how much the appraisal fee will be. Robin shared that the companies that do these types of appraisals come from Chicago as they focus on Religious art as a specialty.
- Plans continue to be pursued selling the land off of Mulberry

New Business

- Ministry budgets need to start their review – The ministry's need to look at their budget needs for next year and present their budget. Due to the deficit the Parish is operating under the ministry's need to be mindful of expenses.
- RCIA reception planning has begun. It will be April 26th, 2020. Carrie Harper is doing the individual gifts for RCIA members. Parish Council will serve breakfast.
- Soup Supper is Mardi Gras theme - the event will be on February 22nd, 2020 and there are three ways to sign up. Calling the church office, sign up in Gannon Hall or calling Laura Custis. Discussed how the 5 PM mass is livestreamed so there needs to be notice given to those that attend the livestreaming. Additionally signs should be posted for those coming into Gannon Hall before 6 PM when mass is over. A sign will need to be posted and direct folks to bring their items to the kitchen. Discussion on whether to serve beer and wine. Father indicated he was going to bring some of his home brew and will have samples. It was decided that it is a good idea to offer Beer and Wine at the event as it is appropriate for a Saturday night dinner. There will also be games for the children. A flyer will be distributed to Religious Education parents and to the School parents. It is also in the

Bulletin as well as in announcements. Discussed also live streaming the 10 AM mass. This will also be an issue during the Light of the World Retreat – there will not be able to be live streaming at that weekends 5 PM mass

- Discussed the possibility of starting a children’s collection at mass. Annie and others shared how they have seen this in other parishes and the children really enjoy coming to the front of the church and giving an offering to the Priest or Deacon.

Next meeting Monday February 24th at 6:30 PM in Gannon Hall

Laurie Ludman adjourned the meeting

Closing Prayer: Fr. Hai

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Ludman

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