

St. Stanislaus Parish Council Meeting  
September 17, 2019

Attendees: Fr. Ray May; Joe Roth, Chairman; Sarah Sanders; Tyler Schuckman; Chris Hurla; Angie Bittner; new member, Bryan O'Neill; ex-officio members Connie Fischer (Religious Ed) and Royce Muller (Knights of Columbus); and parish coordinator, Kathi Rewerts.

- I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Ray
- II. Approval of minutes from May 19, 2019 meeting
- III. Old Business

A. Kiosk and Religious Materials

The council has not come to an agreement about how or where to purchase or create an area for sharing religious materials such as books, CDs, pamphlets, etc. in or near the narthex of the church. A committee was formed (Chris, Royce, Nate, Dan) to consider a plan to construct and create a library area in the closet of the parish center near the front doors. This committee is to collaborate and report back to the council at the next meeting in November.

B. Capital Campaign

Our parish is at 90.28% of target for the capital campaign with less than 13% of the parish contributing. The parish will receive 25% back as payments are received. Follow-up includes: (1) If we exceed our goal, does our return amount change and (2) a general appeal at Mass is being considered with Justin from the Archdiocese because of the low participation rate. Our Call to Share rate of participation this year was at 44% of the parish and met 135% of the goal. 30% participation is a typical goal.

C. Holy Land Excursion

Fr. Ray plans to call the tour company for discussion.

D. Parish Ministries / Parish Growth

Social Concerns update: Sarah shared that Harvesters is in Rossville (at the Potawatomi Center) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month and is generally in need of help to make bags and load vehicles. Volunteers meet at noon to prepare items and serve at 12:30 for about an hour.

Rosary Garden Update:

Three Topeka Landscape companies were contacted for phone consultations; 2 companies (Topeka Landscape and Stauffer) visited the proposed area (north of church and west of parish center) and prepared designs at a discounted rate. Should the parish choose to use the services of these companies, the design payment would apply to services / materials.

Designs were presented and most in attendance appreciated the renderings created by Stauffer. Discussion included: uses, positioning and capacities of the garden; funding options including memorial donations; progression from a simple layout with the option of adding more features over time.

The council will present the possible plan to the parish via display with comment box in the narthex. After this, a committee will be chosen. It is hopeful to have support to move forward with the project in the spring.

#### IV New Business

A. Tyler and Angie will continue responsibilities of secretary role for the council

B. Open forum

Discussion of removing mulch surrounding rose garden area in the front and using existing landscape rock; concern expressed whether this would be damaging to the roses; Kathi will consult with gardening expert.

Concern brought forward related to digital pianos – discussion of grand piano in choir loft and possibility of moving existing keyboards to different locations. Kathi plans to check about additional technician possibilities.

#### V. Upcoming Events

1. The next fellowship Sunday is October 6th – St. Ann's FIT is in charge

2. Next meeting is November 19, 2019

VI. Fr. Ray closed the meeting in prayer.