

St. Stanislaus Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Members present: Fr. Ray May, Royce Muller, Angie Bittner, Joe Roth, Chris Hurla, Connie Fischer, Bill DeDonder, Sarah Sanders (Bill and Sarah are new members).

I. Father Ray opened meeting with prayer.

II. Minutes approved as submitted from January 29, 2019.

III. Old Business

A. Parish Ministries / parish growth

Outreach discussion continues;

- Contact is being made with four parishioners who already do a lot of community outreach – obtaining input about how to best proceed.
- Start with four contacts – open up and see if other people are interested in working with them – have as many ears and voices as possible.
- Needs might include:
 - People out who can't get to church or can't get to activities.
 - Careportal – matching needs with people who can fulfill the need.
 - Connie commented beyond material needs - Even if you know someone has a need; parents don't come to mass but maybe child does. Knowing who to contact when someone is struggling.

B. Kiosk

Chris Hurla updated new members on kiosk possibilities and previous discussions.

Logistical discussions of making as suggested on the wall. Wide trim limits size.

Consider making similar to current easel but with bigger wider areas or adjustable (Royce).

Some discussion of placement in narthex.

There's one at IC pre-purchased, but was around \$900.

Maybe triangular with casters like at St. Marys bookstore; Bill will text Chris a photo; Connie will check bookstore.

Request Chris to make drawing.

K of C organization has opportunity to order materials; Ascension press has materials.

Will also need safe box to donate money for materials.

C. Capital campaign

Instead of mostly personal visits – want to do a social; some personal visits will still occur.

Fr. Ray updated new members on aspects of the Capital Campaign.

- Priest retirement, update SPC, Long term Care Facility, Catholic Education.
- Our parish has a goal of \$125K.
- 3-5 year pledge plan.
- Asked to make a good faith effort – our parish gets 25% back.
- Contributions are in addition to regular Sunday giving and Archbishops CTS.
- More info at archkck.org under "Ways to give".

D. Pilgrimage: Holy Land Excursion opportunity

Update from Fr. Ray.

Fr. Ray has pamphlets available.

Add a link to website.

E. (F) Mass Schedule Update

IC is doing a trial period of 10:30 am Sunday mass time.

Discussion of why the mass times need to allow time for Father's participation at St. Stans RE and fellowship opportunities.

IV. New Business

A. New Council Members – welcome Bill and Sarah

B. Responsibilities – Secretary duties Angie and Tyler

C. Memorial Discussion

- Memorial bench request outside the church
- Discussion of considerations and implementation of a plan to accommodate memorials in a coordinated effort to beautify property and perhaps establish an outdoor prayer area.
 - Establishing precedent with placement
 - Outside adoration door, front, secluded location better for prayer; vandalism considerations if secluded.
 - Consider fenced area with memorials, benches, pavers – open to all.
 - Several years of discussion of establishing a rosary garden west of Dekat Parish Center.
 - Establish inexpensively and develop as time goes on?
- Moving forward
 - Consult with donor and see if bench placement request fulfills a need in front or if alternate location might be worthwhile.
 - Council members should gather and share information on how other parishes have placed memorials or developed outdoor prayer spaces.
 - IC – benches and items in adoration chapel.
 - CTK Topeka, Benedictine Grotto, Mother Cabrini, Denver, St. John's - Clonmel.
 - Members to put some thoughts together and re-convene on the subject at next meeting.
 - Suggestion to develop a plan – here are the items you can choose from the plan.

D. Open Forum

V. Upcoming Events

- Fellowship Sunday- JP II April 7th.
- Junior High Students are doing Stations of the Cross that day.
- Fr. Ray plans to add one more member to parish council.
- Next Meeting – May 21, 2019.

VI Fr. Ray led members in closing prayer to our Lady.