

**Parish Council Regular Meeting
St. Catherine of Siena Room
July 22, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM**

Present – Fr. Del, Fr. Alex, Dave Limbacher, Nate Chambers, Andy Chambers, Kevin Link, Dottie Buerger, Nathanael O’Der, Rob Giuffre’

Absent – Rob Cheek, Jennifer Hall, Jon Dannemiller, Brian Arnold

Call to Order: Gospel was read and discussed. Approval of May Minutes was postponed.

Introductions by all members present.

Updates from Fr. Del

- Discussion of service and protocol for members competing their terms i.e. Jordan, Jenifer & Jon.
- Fr. Del talked about the purpose of the council especially bring the eyes and ears of the parish.
- Festival Update – All expenses have not been paid however, expectations are that the Parish will net between \$45-48k.
- School Enrollment – Current enrollment is currently 415 (we budgeted for 450)

Fr. Alex Schedule – *here for the next two weeks and leaves for a month. He will be celebrating his ordination of first mass with his family in Uganda.*

Fr. Hauns, Steve Walter, Ryan Luis subbed for the holiday. Will still see subs because Fr. Del is already on other Priest’s schedules. Weekday masses will be challenging but they will be covered. When Fr. Alex gets back the second week of September, we will be back to normal.

Fr. Del –

- The old offices will be refurbished for after mass gatherings for small groups.
- Narthex – looking at making the Narthex larger with glass doors to provide ingress & egress without going outside especially for funerals. These changes will provide better opportunities for better services for funerals. (Projects will not be funded with debt.)
- Roof Status – Parish Center will be receiving new roof. Jr High roof will be finished by the time school starts which will complete all of the roof projects for now.
- Walk -a-thon money was dedicated to technology and safety including cameras in the school and the limitation of access within the building. There will be one door with keypad entry for all teachers’ only entrance. Some of it will go to fund roofs.
- Loans or previous renovations have been aggressively paid down. Currently, debt is below \$500k and should be paid off by 2025.

\$891 budgeted - \$843k income from Sunday collections. However, people are giving differently in gifts which brought in \$214,600 with stock, etc. so we were over \$114k from gifts from last year. The financial picture is actually quite good! People are actually being quite generous. However, our numbers in mass are dropping. Form the beginning of January, average attendance is 962 people per weekend – ten years ago, it was 1600. Just bringing this to our attention for evangelization.

Parish Direction Ideas – Fr. Del deferred until next month.

Remaining Parish Council Meeting Times for 2019:

8/26, 9/23, 10/28, 11/25, 12/23

Discussion of moving meetings to the first Mondays of the month and reconfigure on the first Monday in October potentially. Additionally, we may consider coordinating meetings between both St Veronica and St. John Parishes.

Parish Council Discernment/Appointments

Discussion of how appointments are made by Parish Council. Not appointments made at this time.

Young neighbors in action is an organization that goes in to help those in need of assistance for manual labor in conjunction with our faith including seven principals of Catholic teachings.

What have you heard?

Nate– parishioner concerns re: more frequent use of Vocal Ensemble at masses.

Fr Del -

There will be a preschool playground being installed by the Boy Scouts.

There will be a Parish Council retreat to be scheduled.

Commission Updates – no committees reporting out tonight.

Old Business – no old business

Closing items

Next Meeting - August 26th, 2019

Spiritual Leader

Closing Prayer

Andy Chambers

Fr. Del