

Minutes from Council Meeting  
November 4, 2019

Members in attendance: Fr Mike Dunn, Peter Buzaid, Danielle Troetti, Tony Lucera, Barbara Kiselek, Kerri Sommer, Ed Smythe

**Opening Prayer**

Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Pastor's Report**

The Halloween Haunt event was wildly successful bringing in \$19K net, significantly more than previous fund raisers. This was due to low expenses, a great many volunteers, many donations and a popular attendance of about 2000 people.

The Holiday shopping event is coming up this Saturday/Sunday the ninth and tenth of November.

Christmas Tree lighting will be after Thanksgiving on Tuesday December 3.

Father is changing the scheduling of Christmas Masses to accommodate parishioner needs. The new schedule will be 4:30, 6:30, and 10:00 on Christmas Eve followed by 8:00 and 12:00 on Christmas Day.

Father is still looking to expand the Council with new members.

Theology on Tap will be December 10 probably at Prime Pub.

**Building Status**

Tony reported that the drawing package needed for formal RFPs for the new building are almost complete. Tony is working to keep the project in budget. Once that's clear the package will then need to go to the Diocese and the town and then out for bid.

The church roof has now been completed and the recent storms produced no leaks!

**Committee Reports**

Finance: a summary was prepared and will appear in the bulletin soon.

School: Kerri reported that we now have 223 students (one more from last year!) and the trend has been upward for the last two years. We have hired a new Admissions/Marketing

Coordinator, Christin Peloso, to replace our previous coordinator. We look forward to her help in continuing to grow enrollment.

There is a school fundraiser scheduled for this Friday the eighth. Autumn Nights is our largest fundraiser. We have received 40 responses to attend from parishioners. Most couples attending have purchased a raffle ticket, too.

November sixth there will be a visit from the donor of the Personalized Learning Grant for all Catholic schools in the Diocese. The plan is to meet with Suzanne, tour the classrooms, and talk with teachers.

Religious Ed: Danielle reported that the new program has started and is doing very well with on line programs and monthly events.

November 12th or 17th are faith formation catechesis sessions, open to students, their families and the community; this month's topic is the mass and Eucharist.

-Suggestion: maybe next year the FF program can support/ host the Rake and Bake as their service event, and make the next catechesis session in December (switching the order of service event 1 and catechesis 2).

December is community service month.

The next meeting will be on December 2, 2019 at 7PM in the rectory.