

Parish Council Meeting
March 15, 2017
Minutes

Dan Connell called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Fr. Noel introduced Fr. Art Molina, the Priest in Residence.

No agenda was presented as a review was held for Fr. Art's benefit.

Formation – Susette Redwine reported that we average 40 students in classes each weekend. We have 2 certified teachers; one almost done and one that needs to start the certification process. Along with our teachers, we have 4 students who will start our Confirmation classes in the fall who are assisting in the classrooms to get their 20 hours of service started. Confirmation classes are held every other year for 9th and 10th graders. We will have 10 second graders making their First Communion in May. Vacation Bible School is planned for July 9-12 this summer. Plans are being made.

Social Concerns – Michelle Hardin was not present but Dan explained that this committee works closely with the Thanksgiving basket program, Rowan County Christmas and our Angel Tree, God's Pantry Chili Wars and HOPE. It was explained that Christian Social Services was a ministry that was started by this Parish. There once was a commitment to Drs. Joan and Dan Jones for a Zambia Medical Mission. This commitment was for 10 years. The Lenten boxes were where the funding for this was collected. The committee decided to keep the money for the Good Samaritan Fund within the parish. This committee also assist in determining where the 5th Sunday collections will be distributed.

Hispanic Ministry – Anna LaBarbour was not present. Very little was talked about this area ministry. Fr. Noel and Fr. Art will discuss what needs to be addressed in this area.

Liturgy – Mary Berglee said this committee needs to be revitalized. Plans are made through Easter but after that there is nothing really planned. Fr. Noel said there could be six individuals coming to the RCLIA program.

Newman Center – Andrew Kuchenbrod and Tyler Schroeder were present as the Acting Campus Minister and Newman Club representative. Tyler reported that Tuesday evening meals are still being held even with smaller numbers. There is a need to recruit new members. The core group is down to 4 with one graduating in May. Tyler also reported that the 4th Sunday of each month, Mass is held at 7pm in conjunction with the Hispanic Mass. The Newman Center takes care of the music for this Mass. They have plans on visiting residents of the Cave Run Manor after spring break and are attending a fundraiser for the Children's Advocacy Center. Andrew will leave mid-June and so there is a need to hire a Campus Minister.

Social Life – Kate Thacker was not present. Susette reported that in the past couple of years we had hosted an Epiphany Party and Fall Cookout. It was discussed that we had many more social activities. We need to re-energize the Parish. Nona Camuel was present to talk about restarting the Women's Group. The group would meet once a

Month and be totally social or whatever the group wants it to be. The first meeting will be April 17 at 6:30 pm. Plans will be in the bulletin.

Finance Committee – Jim Weathers reported that money is tight. People are moving to retirement areas that have been long time givers and new people are not picking up the replacement of funds. Our demographics have changed in the past 4 years. At least we continue to have no debt. Our money we received from our 50th Anniversary is running out which was unbudgeted money. Music continues to be the biggest concern for us.

Discussion was also held regarding the **financial gift from the estate of Dr. Rose Orlich**. The Arts and Environment Committee is opposed to doing any reconstruction of the Adoration Chapel. At this point there will be discussion on this later. Fr. Art asked if we encouraged people to remember the church in their estates. This is an area we have not touched.

Terms were discussed as Mary Berglee and Kate Thacker will complete their term in May. August will be the new Parish Council retreat with more to come.

The **next meeting will be on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7pm.**

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Susette Redwine, Secretary