

St. Matthias Parish Council Meeting

December 11, 2018

Members present: Doug Keil, Dave Nienaber, Chris Schands, Nancy Zoeller, Victoria Childers, Father Lambert, Lorenzo Todd, Kurt Juengling, Fr. McCullough, Bill Brocker, Lan Vu, Francis Blay-Mockey

Members absent: Sima Bayamna, Father John, Hector Escalante, Karen Williams, Deacon Dominic

Opening prayer: Father McCullough

Approval of November minutes: motion by Bill Brocker, seconded by Nancy Zoeller

Pastor Comments:

- There is a file on the sister community Father McCullough found since he felt as though St. Matthias and OLR were dragged into the community without acknowledgment. It says the community runs purely on individual donations.
 - There is a new facility rental form and agreement (copy passed out at meeting).
 - Spanish mass tomorrow evening at OLR for Our Lady of Guadalupe with reception afterwards.
 - We reached out to a handful of companies about purchasing Spanish missals.
- If we purchase 50 the cost would be \$3.35 per book per year.
- Motion to buy the Spanish missals by Nancy Zoeller.
- About 70% of the Sunday congregation is Hispanic . If this is true, should the 9 A.M. mass become a Spanish mass or bilingual mass? We need to get a more accurate count ->have the ushers do a count.
- if we get the books, we should put a sticker or something on them that says “return to bookshelf” in Spanish.
- Father Lambert says we should have at least one Spanish reading

- If anyone has an opinion they'd like to share about Spanish mass, email Father McCullough with "Sunday Spanish Masses" in the subject line.

- We'll send out a survey to get opinions.

- We should start off small with our efforts and see where it takes us.

Father Lambert Comments:

Nothing new to add. He wants participation from Spanish speaking community.

Ghanaian community updates:

- Due to the Christmas Eve mass being held, the Ghanaian mass will be cancelled so decorations can be put up.
- They will join the whole parish for the midnight mass.
- The 31st 8-11:30 there will be a vigil.
- There will be a date in January for the two groups to meet and pray since many are going to Ghana for Christmas.
- July 19-21 Ghanaian convention for the Midwest will meet in Cincinnati.

Spanish speaking community updates:

Hector is not present, no updates available

Giving trees:

- All of the ornaments are taken and gifts are being brought in.
- In the future, all ornaments should be put up at the same time.

Status of sustainability committee:

- There are five members and Father McCullough
- the first meeting will be Thursday, January 3rd at 6:30
- Does the amount of incoming members balance out the elderly parishioners as they leave the church? We would need to look at the numbers. (The answer is probably not). Large

communities like our new Spanish speaking community often have to leave as quickly as they show up. They take more time to come up with monetary contributions because of cultural differences and financial status.

- When looking at the numbers, are individuals taking into consideration ratios for parishioners and families? Yes.

Follow up on preparation for active shooter:

- A link to training given by the police department
- Steve Volmer was cleared for the class and should have attended December 6th. He could come into council one night and explain what he learned.

Facility rentals:

- The main points we made several meetings ago can be forwarded to the office and support staff by Father McCullough.
- Should we add an equipment set up help section to the new parish facility rental form?

New business?

- There should be a level of anonymity to those who are trained to deal with an active shooter event.
- Motion to adjourn by Francis Blay-Mockey seconded by Chris Schands

Closing prayer: Father McCullough