

St. James of the Valley Parish Council Agenda

January 27th

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Review of last month's minutes
- III. Pastor's Report
- IV. Comments from other Clergy
- V. Commission Reports
 - a. Finance Council
 - b. Long Range Planning Report
 - c. Buildings and Grounds Report
 - d. Worship Commission Report
 - e. Faith Formation Report
- VI. Organizational Reports
 - a. Youth Ministry
- VII. Parishioner Concerns
- VIII. Old Business/New Business
- IX. Next Meeting
- X. Closing Prayer

St. James of the Valley Parish Council Meeting November 18th, 2019 In Attendance:

Fr. Alex McCullough

Dan Johnson

Margaret Allen

Sherry Holden

Rachel Obringer

Jim Dillhoff

Tim Kiley

Jim Gerwe

Opening Prayer

Review of last month's minutes

-Approved as submitted

Pastor's Report

-Jim Dillhoff has accepted a post on Parish Council

-The office consolidations have been great for the staff

-Increase in ecumenical outreach: Rabbi Stanford and other Wyoming clergy meet regularly to collaborate on religious needs in the community: Valley Temple will hold an interfaith service on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. An interfaith listening session took place on Sunday, Nov 3 at Ascension and Holy Trinity. Representatives from most of the Wyoming places of worship and the Muslim Community of Greater Cincinnati were present to share ideas and open lines of communication between religions.

-St. Charles was officially deactivated as a church in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. St. James will continue to be responsible for its records. We picked up some of the displaced parishioners at OLR. St. Charles Parish closed in 1998. We have asked the Archdiocese if we can claim any of the items left in the parish. We are waiting for approval to remove items and bring them to St. James.

Comments from other Clergy: no comments

Commission Reports

Finance Council

Finance meets on Thursday, no report

Long Range Planning Report

Sound system bids secured, possible iGiveCatholic goal

Buildings and Grounds Report

Tim Kiley: committee has met 3 times. They have walked the grounds, reached out to ministries to see what maintenance they might need

Maintenance: drainage issues, sound system in church, the committee will continue to clean up the parking lot: baseball backstop, basketball hoops, old festival boxes removed recently.

He presented the wish list items from each of the ministries at St. James.

Worship Commission Report

- Questions as to the commission's purpose and how they could be better utilized
- Chair location is problematic on the altar. We could perhaps go down to 2 chairs and move them on the other side of the choir entrance.
- Thinking of asking Eucharistic Ministers to go on the sides of the altar, instead of behind.

Faith Formation Report

- Interior Life Series wraps up tomorrow
- Catholicism 101 being taught here (also known as RCIA)
- Parish Mission at OLR starting February 2nd PreLenten Mission: Presented by the Fathers of Mercy - Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School "Completely Yours" Middle school/grade school program during the week and a high school program during the evening. New format for our region's Vacation Bible School. Dave Nissen will still be leading the program. He hopes to have many volunteers to put on the program.

Organizational Reports

Youth Ministry: see above

Parishioner Concerns

- Talk to support staff about adding these meetings on the calendar and publicizing list/photos of council members
- At the Ministry Meeting at St. James there was a discussion of grievances over making the parish into a region. People would like to see the parish council minutes published. They would like to see more transparency.

Old Business/New Business

- SVDP update and fundraiser ideas: Jim Gerwe was here to give an update 95% of donations go to our neighbors in Hartwell, Wyoming, Lockland and Woodlawn. We are donating about \$161 dollars per family (average) but they have been using a large single donation that is quickly dwindling. They plan to hold a fundraiser to raise more funds for the ministry. They will have a region-wide fundraiser in Spring 2020
- Margaret Allen would like to have historical tours of St. James during the Wyoming Art Fair in May. She has a committee organized with publicity and docents for the event. She's hoping to have 10-15 volunteers to help with the event.

Next Meeting

January 27th, 2020 (Moved due to Father's retreat)

Closing Prayer