

St. Matthias Parish Council Meeting

January 22, 2019

Members present: Doug Keil, Chris Schands, Nancy Zoeller, Victoria Childers, Lorenzo Todd, Hector Escalante, Sima Bayamna, Lan Vu, Fr. McCullough, Bill Brocker, Dave Nienaber, Father Lambert

Members absent:, Father John, Karen Williams, Deacon Dominic, Kurt Juengling, Francis Blay-Mockey

Opening prayer: Father McCullough

Active shooter event training, report by Steve Vollmar

- The training was an overview of what to look for. It planted some seeds about what could be done. The first thing we need to do is decide how far into this we want to go. To what extent should we prepare? Maybe there should be a committee to think about this and make a proposal. There is still a lot of work to be done and a consensus needs to be made before further action can be made.
- Nancy Zoeller asks if the ushers be aware of this so they could help assist people in the case an active shooter event would occur. It depends on the ushers' opinions and how comfortable they would be in such a role. It would be very important for them to be involved.
- The other parishes have not yet discussed what they are doing or where they are in the process.
- Would training at the academy be beneficial? Probably not. There needs to be a broadened scope and more effort into creating a security team.
- Will there be any instructions for how the congregation should respond in the case of such an event? There will need to be more discussion. Someone- not Father McCullough or Lambert- should have the plan. Again, all of this needs to be worked out in greater detail in a meeting.

- Statistically speaking the likelihood of anything happening is slim. There should be a plan in place, certain individuals should be trained, however, Father McCullough thinks we shouldn't put too much emphasis on drilling these ideas and actions into people.
- Lan Vu suggests that it might be beneficial to have a hard copy of an active shooter plan in the office for people to look at.

Approval of November minutes: Bill Brocker motion by, seconded by Lan Vu

Pastor Comments:

- Approval from finance council to replace fire alarm
- Put Spanish Missals into circulation. There is a typo este missal not esse missal.
- Working towards getting lectors to have the second reading read in Spanish on Sundays. A couple weeks ago Father read the gospel in Spanish after deacon Dominic read it in English. If Father is celebrating, he will continue doing this.
- There was a complaint that the missals were not in both English and Spanish
- An OLR member talked about having an English class after mass on Sundays. If this is a necessity, we could look into this.
- There are two young Spanish speaking couples in the parish. Maybe we should consider expanding our marriage preparation to accommodate. Father McCullough does not believe he is fluent enough to explain the theology of marriage in Spanish.
- In the future Father McCullough is looking to go to Costa Rica to study the Spanish language and stay with a Costa Rican parish to improve his bilingual skills.
- We will go ahead with the new flooring.

Father Lambert Comments:

- Is there any way to have a ministry towards the sick people in our parish sometimes it's hard to get to them. It would be nice for people to volunteer to bring communion to the sick. The Legion of Mary used to do this. We need people to help with the sick those in

the hospital and homebound. It would also be helpful so we are informed on the state of our parishioners. If need be, parishioners could be added to the prayer chain.

- Do we have a regular contact person for people who need communion brought to them? No, the Legion of Mary used to do this. Nancy Zoeller said she would be open to helping with this if she could get the information.
- We could put contact info in the bulletin for this.
- Hector says he can prepare the Spanish speaking community for this news.

Ghanaian community updates: No one is here, no updates

Spanish speaking community updates:

- The community loves the new missals. It makes following with the mass easier.
- There is a Spanish speaking choir, but no space to practice. Hector wants to know where he could find space for storage (of instruments etc.) and practice.
- St. Matthias would probably be the best place for this. We need to clean out all of the unnecessary junk in the storage rooms to make space. This is looking to be done before the fish fries.
- Worst comes to worst, there may be a closet in OLR that could be used. Really it would be best to keep everything here.
- There are more couples that are going to need marriage preparation. Hector has talked to Father about this.
- Has there been a response for Spanish speaking lector's or Eucharistic ministers. Father McCullough doesn't know, most of the Spanish speaking community probably doesn't read an English bulletin.

Financial report on giving trees 2018:

- SVDP food and Christmas gifts for 22 families in addition to 75?? gifts for children.
- 50 gifts given to children's services of Hamilton county.

- All ornaments were taken. Four gifts hadn't been returned. Children's services found the funds to cover. Before Christmas, someone turned in a gift late. We're planning on saving the gifts for next year.
- When the trees go up, all the ornaments should go up at the same time.

Financial committee report:

- New fire alarm as stated earlier.

Facility rentals:

- We talked about this last meeting. Things are still being finalized. We would like to initiate a check box system on a case by case basis to ensure cleanup.

New business?

- We should start talking about the multicultural dinner.
- Fish fry meeting February 7th the first Thursday in February.
- Upcoming elections in May
- Potential evening Spanish speaking mass at OLR. Father McCullough will assess this need and get back to us.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Zoeller, seconded by

Closing prayer: Father McCullough

Next meeting February 19, 2019