

## **Parish Council minutes**

Date 4/30/2019

Present: Deacon Pete Labita, Tim Foley, Maggie Shea, Connie Clapgood, Mark Meadows, Jessica Ayala, Elaine Crumb, Victor Rodriquez, Carol Cuahonte, Tom Schlueb, visiting Mother Neri

Excused: Lisset Mendoza, Renita Messmer, Father Schalk, Cathy Adamescu, Claudia Costilla, Virginia Fuentes

Minutes approved for date 3/26/2019 posted to website

### **Pastor's Report**

Father submitted a report as he was absent for this meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

- All Saints Report (Athletics, HASSA, School Board) – no report
- Clubs Report (Black Catholic Ministries, Knights of Columbus, Women's Club, Family Life) no report for the Knights
- Service Outreach (BREAD, Bishop Griffin Center, St. Vincent de Paul) Lisset submitted a report which will be posted. BREAD report submitted.
- Finance and Maintenance- Current project is bathrooms at the convent. Looking for possible asbestos. Contract in process of being signed for the cameras at the church. Reviewing options for new flooring for the church. Will hold off the flooring project until after this budget year in June. New grounds contracting is going well. Lawn cutting is going well too. Fountain is under review and checking maintenance. Will be installed when weather permits. Roof is always being checked for leaks and solved as they are found.
- Fundraising—Cinco de Mayo tickets are being sold after Masses. Contact Tim Foley if you want to volunteer for set up, event and clean up. Rummage sale June 7-8. Will take items June 1 and through the week.
- Appalachia Project--- projects have been reviewed and plans for building materials are being finalized. Car wash is June 1.

### **Old Business**

**Parish Picnic** is scheduled for August 4. The gym will be open as well if needed. Will have a 50/50 raffle. T-shirts are being designed for consideration at the next Parish Council meeting. Tent has been scheduled.

**Solicit members** to join Parish Council as new members will be needed. Flyer has been placed in the bulletin.

**Bishop Griffin** donation for May – nail clippers and nail files.

**Website survey** – Drew Snyder is working on this project and website review.

### **New Business**

Are we as a Parish Council fulfilling our mission statement? Think about how Christ the King is reflecting what is on the front of the bulletin. The BREAD Nehemiah Action May 6 is a reflection of social justice. Look as going out as a group to volunteer as part of our mission statement. Bishop Griffin is an opportunity to volunteer and the thrift store will be a means to volunteer as well.

Handy man project---Village in the Ville meeting was cancelled. Hope it will be rescheduled.

Reviewing creating a listing of the various organizations here and the contact person. Place this information quarterly in the bulletin. Also place on the website.

## Closing Prayer

**Next Meeting: May 28, 2019**

**Submitted by Connie Claprood**

Committee reports will not be read at meetings, only highlight needed items. Send reports to Connie Claprood via email at [cclaprood2842@att.net](mailto:cclaprood2842@att.net).

Pastors Report submitted April 29, 2019

Here is my report...

*May is extremely busy at Christ the King. The most important events are First Communion (May 4) and Confirmation (May 8). In addition to those important celebrations, we will also participate in the Nehemiah Action with BREAD (May 6) and co-host the Fiesta de Mayo (May 10).*

*Deacon Mark Simpson will be concluding his time at Christ the King this weekend, May 4-5. He will be preaching all the Masses and saying farewell. His ordination to the priesthood will be on Saturday, May 25, in Nashville, Tennessee.*

*Drew Snyder and Saul Buitron and I will attend the Amazing Parish Conference in Cincinnati from May 13-15. This conference provides training for leaders in Catholic parishes. This time will also give me, Drew, and Saul an opportunity to discuss different goals for Christ the King. We are able to participate in this conference because of a grant from the Catholic Foundation.*

*Daniella Weddle will be visiting Christ the King at the end of May. Originally from Oregon, Daniella currently lives in Avignon in France and works as a campus minister at a Catholic school there. She and I are considering the possibility of her joining our parish staff. Among other things, Daniella would work with the youth of the parish and help with our French-speaking community.*

*As I mentioned above, Deacon Mark's final weekend is May 4-5. Mother's Day weekend follows. That means our Bishop's Annual Appeal weekend has been moved back to May 18-19. For the first time since I have been pastor, we did not meet our goal last year. Our 2018 goal was \$98,700. This year's goal is \$108,700. We will do our best to encourage people to contribute.*

*Speaking of the bishop, Bishop Brennan has been doing a great job visiting different parishes throughout the diocese. He blessed us with his presence on Good Friday during the Spanish service at 7pm. He will be here for Confirmation on May 8. And it would not surprise me if he returns to Christ the King in the not-too-distant future.*

*Thanks for everything you do, Parish Council members. Persevere!*

## Father David Schalk

**Bishop Griffin Report April 30, 2019**

Begin forwarded message:

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- > \*As for items we need:
  - > -pads not as many tampons
  - > - We have also asked people to save infant hangers for us.
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  - > \*Support:
  - > -We now have a worker from Franklin Co Health Dept that represents Celebrate 1 program. She comes twice a week to council expectant mothers and moms of children under 1 year of age. They are trying to cut the death rate of infants in zip codes 43213, 27 and 32.

> -We have also been in contact with COTA about getting a neighborhood shuttle to help seniors and veterans get to the pantry more easily.

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> \*By the numbers:

> - 117 families last week and went through lots of T shirts and jeans for men and summer clothes for kids.

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#### B.R.E.A.D. Report

Our new Elder Care goal:

Come together, close the gap.

We learned that in some neighborhoods, people are dying, on average, 27 years younger than in others. There are many reasons, but seniors not having equal access to support and services is unjust and must be addressed. Areas of concern: access to long-term care, isolation, malnutrition.

We're proposing two solutions.

#1 To expand the program in Columbus Fire Department that places social workers with first responders and EMS on 911 calls to connect older adults with available services.

An experimental program with one social worker for all of has received 300 calls in the first quarter of this year. It's scheduled for evaluation in June. We're asking for a social worker for each fire battalion.

#2 To press City Council to create a "Life expectancy" task force similar to the "Celebrate One" task force for infant mortality reduction.

The purpose would be to increase collaboration among agencies, increase public awareness of the age gap. BREAD sees this as a long term goal with the potential of implementing the national Villages model in low income neighborhoods and improving the wages of home healthcare aides.

**Nehemiah Action** will be Mon, May 6th. At the Celeste Center at the Fairgrounds.

We'll be continuing to work with the school board on increasing the number of staff trained in the use of restorative practices and in restorative justice. The new school board chair has experience with these and says she is supportive.

One ID Columbus. Continuing to press Council about this. Around 100,000 of our city residents are unable to or have difficulty with access to library, public buildings, food pantries, visiting their children's schools, even police assistance.

Affordable housing remains a major issue. We'll be asking the City to encourage developers to set aside housing for people who make less than \$42,000 annually. And the county to dedicate more money to the Affordable Housing Trust by an increase in the conveyance fee (a property transfer fee, currently \$2 per thousand of value to \$4. On a \$200,000 valued property that would increase revenue from a sale of property by \$400). Current median income in the area is 42,000 or more. The current policy emphasizes housing for those with incomes over \$36,000. Leaving many struggling. There are 54,000 low income families spending more than half their incomes on housing.

At the Action we'll be asking commissioners to increase the conveyance fee to the max allowed by law. And the city to pledge to work with us encouraging developers to set aside lower income units, and to give an additional \$5 million annually to the Affordable Housing Trust.