

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2018

Attendees: Fr. Ryszard, Sandy Gemach (Chair), Deacon Bob McGahran, Antonio Tranquilino, Jack Semanko, John Ingraham, Neil Nucci, Peggy Dotson, Sheila Dunn, Marie Frost, Diane Nagle Giselle Bawab and Jane Moore. Parishioner at large: Rita Canfield. Absent: Neil Nucci.

Fr. Ryszard opened the meeting at 6 PM with a prayer. Meeting minutes from the prior council meeting were approved and the minutes will be sent to all ministry leaders.

Scholarship Information and Plans: Peggy Dotson

A committee has been formed including former educators; Peggy Dotson, Sandy Gemach (former Middle School Educator), Susan Hughes (former Elementary Educator), and Sandra Nelson (former High School Educator and Principal). An interest form has been developed and is available to students in our St. Brendan Church community. Awareness-building has become in our youth group and confirmation class. Next steps will include family meetings. Details of payment to UNCW will be defined as the program evolves. Thanks to Peggy for the role of coordination on this project.

Thanks were also extended to Peggy for coordinating the posting the calendar in the Gathering Space and for her help in dissemination of the former Gather Hymnals.

Financial Report: Jack Semanko

New lights will be installed in the sanctuary in early to mid-June.

BAA – we have collected a total of \$129,638 and will increase efforts via letters mailed to parishioners to collect the additional \$34,000.

Job descriptions are being written and will be reviewed by the Finance Council in April.

Hispanic Community Report: Antonio Tranquilino

Festival planning is underway and to date we have 30-35 volunteers to work on the planning group. Thanks to Antonio for presenting information to our Hispanic community about the upcoming festival and generating interest on the part of volunteers.

Antonio said additional training is ongoing for new liturgical ministers within the Hispanic community; there is a high degree of interest in having things run smoothly when the Bishop is here for confirmation and our newly trained altar servers assist with the Eucharistic celebration at that time.

Parish Committees Report: Peggy Dotson

- Calendar Committee: Thanks were extended to Father Ryszard, Mike Bailey, Rita Canfield, Pat McLaughlin, Peggy Dotson and others who worked to make this calendar a reality.
- Healthcare Awareness Event- Jane had submitted a written report.
- Garden project for 2018: John announced that five additional raised boxes are in place and the garden is being prepped for this season. **Task:** we should consider recruiting a master gardener from within our parish community to assist with the garden.
- Jane announced that Tom Gaven is better and ready to serve again as our web master; prayers will continue for Tom for continuing health and healing.

Family-Centered Faith Formation Report: Diane Nagle

- Diane complimented Antonio on a job well done in presenting about the lesson plan with Hispanic parents.
- We have two classes remaining (April and May)
- In June we will hold the end of the year breakfast hosted by Jennifer and Giselle
- First Communion is set for April 29
- Diane is beginning the planning for the children's games at the Mexican Festival and will approach previous volunteers to assist at that event.

Music Program Report: Sandy Gemach

- Cantata/ March 25th at 3 PM: Rehearsals are going well and assistance with advertising is appreciated.
- Food to be served is being discussed and planned with Sandy, Marie and Giselle
- Our choirs will participate in the April 15 SBIC concert at the Calabash Covenant Church.

Comments:

Meeting concluded at 6:50 PM. Fr. Ryszard ended with a prayer.

Next Meeting: April 25 at 6 PM in the library.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Moore, Recorder