

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2019

Attendees: Fr. Mark, Sandy Gemach (Chair), Deacon Bob McGahran, Neil Nucci, Jack Semanko, Peggy Dotson, Sandy Jones, Giselle Bawab, John Ingraham, Marie Frost, Diane Nagle, Sheila Dunn. Absent: Antonio Tranquilino.

Parishioners at Large: Rita Canfield

Fr. Mark opened the meeting with a prayer. Meeting minutes from March council meeting were approved.

### Father Mark:

- Votive candles installed & being used by parishioners. Concern raised not enough available for use on weekend Mass days. Father will investigate length of time each candle remains lit and / or if time can be adjusted to allow more people to use the candles. Will consider second rack is needed (near cry room).
- Candle donation at \$5.00 suggested as high. Father will address donations in the Bulletin.
- Discussed need for more parking spaces. Looking into areas available and use of 'pervious' cement to allow covering more areas of the property.
- Considering purchasing projection/camera system used during Easter masses in Brendan Hall as a permanent system. Obtaining 3 bids to identify cost involved.
- Windows (4) on both sides of church represent 8 panels available for stained glass inserts. Cost estimate per panel being investigated.
  - Donation made already for Our Lady of The Streets
  - Giselle Bawab will donate for St. Joseph panel
  - John Ingraham will donate for another panel – saint TBD
- Discussed renovating the prayer devotion space behind the altar as a new location for the sacristy. Group discussed the space had been donated by a parishioner and needs to remain as prayer space.
- Discussed possibly changing mass times to allow more time between masses to either 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 or 8, 10, 12. Also possibly to move Spanish Mass to 12 noon.
  - Parish Council suggests 8/10/12 as the best times
  - Diane discussed faith formation could be changed to a 10:30 – 11:45 time frame
  - Group agreed to wait until fall to make change
  - Father will begin announcing the change at the August masses.
- Father prepared a liturgical calendar for next year adding the 7pm masses for holy days and 1st Fridays.
- Parishioners are questioning if there will be a church calendar this year.
  - Jack mentioned prior calendar created by Fr. Ryzshard and the printer used is no longer donating. Father will look into other options.
- Reported over 20 people attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading Group on Weds. From 6-8pm.
- Mass Intentions will be offered for Mothers & Father's Day, but the envelopes were removed.

### Finance Committee - J. Semanko

- BBA status: \$3K over goal with more still being donated. Will report final results in 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May.
- New building: core samples of land site in front of SB church not advantageous. Alternative to renovate current office by expanding behind building, allowing 3,000 sq. ft. of space.
  - Rent trailers for office space during construction
  - Add living space for Father (shower already installed)
  - Relocate part or all of garden.

- Food pantry equipment/ supplies cannot be moved.
- Estimate 1/2 the cost of the 'new' building construction.
- Planning committee meeting in Wilmington May 16<sup>th</sup> with potential contractor.

- Repairs: Resurfacing parking lot fire lanes & carpet to be replaced in gathering space after Festival
- Donated \$10K to Medical Missionary nuns, as part of required Diocese Missionary Co-op. Eliminates nuns from having to come to St. Brendan's.
- Hold placed on the \$20K for sound panels. More information being collected.
- Money set aside for the permanent projection/camera system for the Hall for overflow on Holidays, etc.

### **Garden - J. Ingraham**

- April 30<sup>th</sup> last meeting...name for garden selected as the 'Giving Garden'
- Water valve repaired and vinegar solution applied to garden beds to reduce weeds and fire ants.
- Master gardeners (s) providing help and team of 15 worked on planting.
- Storage shed installed for tools, chemicals and supplies.
- Florist in Shallotte donated vegetable plants for garden. Overflow was given out at Food Pantry.

### **Health and Wellness Committee – Sandy Jones**

- Working with Tom Gaven to improve website platform & ability to monitor usage.
- Tom still trying to identify resources at the Diocese. Need to consider back-up for Tom going forward.
- Resource List article in English & Spanish distributed at Festival.
- Investigating Shallotte senior center and other services as sources for health related lectures.

### **Faith Formation – Diane Nagel**

- 27 children received First Communion on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Last session for faith formation classes May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> end of year breakfast planned with assistance from Giselle and Jennifer Bawab.

### **Music Ministry - Sandy Gemach**

- Cantata (March 31<sup>st</sup>) was a great success. Special thanks to Giselle and Jennifer Bawab for preparing food.
- Choir will sing at Pentecost Mass and then not again until fall.
- Holy week and Easter Masses went well.

**Next meetings - Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**