

Parish Council Meeting Minutes August 10, 2016

Note: Next Meeting – September 28 – 6:00 PM in Library

Members Present: Antonio Tranquillino, Deacon Bob McGahran, Fr. Ryszard, Giselle Bawab, Jack Semanko, Jane Moore, Jerry Scharoun, John Ingraham, Marie Frost, Peggy Dotson, Rigo Salazar, and Sandy Gemach.
Members excused: Diane Nagle and Neil Nucci.

Fr. Ryszard opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with a prayer. Meeting minutes from May 25, 2016 were approved and will be posted to the web site.

Finance Council – The budget was approved and includes all items submitted by ministries and committees; it is advisable to delay any unnecessary expenditure due to unforeseen expenses with the Bell Tower. Even given the facility issues noted below, we are doing well financially. We are on track to eliminate our building debt by October 2017.

Facilities – Several sums of money have been expended to correct the problem with water in the Bell Tower. While there were contingency funds available, the expense was greater than anticipated. Recent heavy rains showed a diminution of the amount of water collecting in the Bell Tower and it is hoped that the major problem with sealing has been corrected; there are some continuing concerns with directional rain water via the doors and perhaps some ground water seepage. The office air conditioning unit was replaced. There is a plan to replace the 33 lights in the sanctuary with LED fixtures with an anticipated cost of \$40,000. There is a concern about drainage around the Brick Landing property and we are encouraging Brick Landing to check on sewer storm drains prior to any further heavy rains.

Parish Committee reports: No reports other than positive comments on the new tables and chairs in Brendan Hall.

Hispanic Update – First Communion Registration will be held in September. Planning is underway for a three day event focusing on unity within our parish family. Target date: First weekend in January; to be held in Brendan Hall. Planning is also underway for the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration.

Parish Vision Group – Jack reported for Joe Butler on the September 10 symposium on End of Life Issues. The presenter is Jason Clamme, Director of Community Outreach at Cape Fear Hospice. This will be in Brendan Hall from 10:00 to 11:30 am. Planning is also underway for a follow up symposium in October on legal issues with Juliette Casper, Esq. as the presenter.

Faith Formation Update – In her absence, Diane provided a written report to Jerry Scharoun and Jane Moore. Highlights from her written report are noted below:

The first session begins October 2nd. S Mary Teresa is having a registration day on August 28th after the 9:30 AM Mass for any new children, especially if they are going to prepare for First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

There continue to be conflicts with our classes and Food Pantry deliveries on the first Sunday of the month from 9:30 to 10:45 AM. Teachers complain that this is distracting to the children and teachers with the constant talking and noise. It was suggested to finish the delivery by 9 AM (before the session begins) or after 11 AM when the session is finished. It is only on the first Sunday of the month. We all appreciate the Food Pantry's assistance in this matter and thank them for understanding.

Sister Mary Teresa and Diane will give Antonio the topic of the day for each session of Faith Formation so that the men and women who are studying to be Certified Catechists can talk with the Hispanic parents of our children who are attending Faith Formation about the lessons they are learning for that particular session. These talks would be following the 9:30 AM Mass and the parents can stay in the Church for 20-30 minutes after Mass. The purpose of Family-Centered Faith Formation is that the families go home and live their faith together with their children. It is expected that this will be a great addition to our Faith Formation Program.

Music Program – It is anticipated that the choir schedule will change somewhat to accommodate our two new accompanists. There will be a children's choir again this year. The Contata has been chosen for 2017 and it is entitled Come Touch the Robe. Two dates were discussed and the consensus was to hold this on March 12. Our new accompanists, Darlene Smith and Janette Schroeder, have stated they are impressed with all the information provided to them and the friendliness of our church.

Comments –

John Ingraham stated that two seminars are planned and will be advertised on the web homepage, in the bulletin and via announcements from the Lectors:

- Estate Planning Seminar with Juliette Casper, Esq. on September 28 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- Tax Tips Seminar will be open to the parish and the public and it will be held on November 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Marie announced that the Craft Show will be held the weekend of November 19-20 and planning is underway at this time and she may solicit help from ministries and council members as the date draws closer. It was confirmed that there are no tablecloths for the new round tables; the rectangle tables are in Omni storage if they are needed for the show.

Father Ryszard concluded meeting at 7:00 PM with a prayer.

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