

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

March 29, 2017

Note: Next Meeting – May 10, 2017 – 6:00 PM in Library

Members Present: Antonio Tranquillino, Deacon Bob McGahran, Diane Nagle, Fr. Ryszard, Giselle Bawab, Jack Semanko, Jane Moore, John Ingraham, Marie Frost, Neil Nucci, Peggy Dotson, Rigo Salazar, Sandy Gemach and Sheila Dunn. Parishioners in attendance: Rita Canfield. Member excused: Sheila Dunn

Fr. Ryszard opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with a prayer. Meeting minutes from February 22, 2017 were approved and will be posted to the web site.

Finance Council and Facilities report – The Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, April 6, 2017. We had to replace a HVAC system for a total cost of \$25,000 and we hope to have this installed before Easter. This will delay the purchase of the new lights in the sanctuary. We will begin to refurbish the kitchen in Brendan Hall in the fiscal year for 2017-2018.

Bishop's Annual Appeal – We estimate that we have met 85% of our goal now. We are ahead of previous years at this point of time in the campaign.

Parish Committee reports- Giselle submitted a budget request on behalf of the Creative Spirit group (knitting and prayer group that meets on Friday mornings). **Action:** Diane and Peggy will review the classrooms to determine if additional storage space exists. The budget request for \$500 for shelving will be considered in the next budget cycle if no space exists for this group.

Hispanic update – Rigo reported that ticket sales have been going well; we have approximately 200 more tickets to sell for the Festival which will be held on May 6th. Antonio reported that the committee for the Festival have been meeting and all appears to be 'on track.' S Mary Teresa reminds all Parish Council members to buy a raffle ticket and if you have purchased one, thank you and purchase another one if you are able! **Action:** All council members are encouraged to participate in the Festival and to help where needed that day.

Parish Vision Group – Jane provided an update report from the Healthcare Wellness Center Committee; the next meeting of this group will be Monday, April 3 at 9:30 in the library. John and Antonio reported on the completion of the garden space. A flyer has been distributed announcing the invitation for all interested in planting and tending the garden. Donated plants have already been promised. The garden project will appear in the bulletin next week and the flyer has been posted on the parish web site. Jack provided an update the other phases of the vision project:

1. Healthcare Wellness Care Committee – going well
2. New Parish Office – Jack and Mike Bailey have taken soil samples to verify the selected site is adequate; an architect will be hired; we have enough funds in the vision account to pay for all the planning work for the building
3. Garden – as reported above; ready for planting
4. Refurbish Brendan Hall and the kitchen; kitchen work may begin first due to need to update the kitchen.

Faith Formation Update –

Children's Faith Formation

- Diane provided an explanation for the Faith Formation date change from April 2 to April 9 due to confirmation on April 2.
- First Holy Communion will be held on April 30 at the 9:30 Mass. Diane explained the change for Holy Communion from 11:00 am Mass to the 9:30 am Mass; the First Holy Communion Mass will be bilingual.
- The Columbiettes provided a very generous check to the Faith Formation program; the Knights of Columbus have been very generous in providing snacks for our children in each session.

Confirmation

- Peggy reported that we have 26 children who will be confirmed at the 11:00 am Mass on April 2
- Peggy also provided information from the Cape Fear Deanery.
 - Gathering for Faith Formation leaders - May 17th at Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh; **Action:** Peggy, Diane and David Morris will discuss the possibility of attending this event.
 - Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, at the new cathedral: October 8 -save the date

Music Program – Sandy thanked all who participated in and attended the cantata it was an excellent event. We have recruited 1-2 new cantors and are still advertising for more. Sandy provided a sample of the proposed new Glory and Praise hymnals. The budget request has been submitted to Bob Hack. This will be considered for purchase in the next fiscal year by the Finance Committee. **Action:** It is recommended that we purchase all the hymnals and then perhaps consider a donation campaign within the Parish to defray some of the expense. Sandy provided a follow up on the proposed workshop for all lectors, cantors and the sound support team to improve the quality of the sound system. **Action:** To be scheduled sometime in May.

Comments –

A question was asked about the hours of lighting in our parking lots; the pedestals belong to us but the lights are owned by BEMC and they use a flat rate and we do not have the liberty to reduce the hours of lighting under the current system.

A dinner for members of the Parish and Finance Councils and spouses or guests will be planned for May. **Action:** Marie and Giselle will begin the research of a dinner at a local restaurant sometime after Easter.

Deacon Bob said a parishioner questioned the status of the parish survey and vision planning. Communication to our parish can be improved on this. **Action:** Jane will draft an update report to be discussed with S Rosanne and Chuck Fitzgerald who are taking responsibility for keeping the web site updated. Jane will propose the draft to the Vision Committee for review prior to proceeding with posting to the web site.

Father Ryszard provided thanks to Sandy, Giselle and Marie for the excellent cantata and food afterwards; to Peggy for assisting with an outstanding confirmation class; to all who made the garden project successful in readying for plants; to all who are making the Bishop's Annual Appeal successful; to Joseph Butler and his group for the work on the Healthcare part of the vision plan and to Tom and Diane Nagle for Faith Formation.

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Father Ryszard concluded meeting at 7:40 PM with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Moore, Recording Secretary