

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 28, 2016

Note: Next Meeting – November 16 – 6:00 PM in Library

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

Fr. Ryszard opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with a prayer. Meeting minutes from August 10, 2016 were approved and will be posted to the web site.

Finance Council and Facilities report – The Finance Council will meet next week. We continue to watch our expenditures. The office air conditioner needs to be replaced at a cost of approximately \$7,000. The air conditioner in the rectory has been repaired with a replacement part. There has been some tree removal from the rectory property. The Bell Tower water problem is about 90% corrected; the remaining 10% is water seeping up from underneath the floor.

Parish Committee reports: Jane reported that the ministry leaders listing on the Gathering Space desk has been updated; thanks to Rita Canfield and S Rosanne. **Action:** Jane will send parish council members an electronic copy of this document. Jane also reported that the Communication Resource Group that was established in 2014 to assist with the parish planning activities has disbanded after deciding that the transition work on communication within the parish community has been completed and we will now rely on existing ministries and the parish council and the staff in the pastoral office to provide communication and publicity.

Hispanic Update – On October 1<sup>st</sup> the Hispanic families will have a retreat in Brendan Hall from 9 am to 4 pm on the Year of Mercy; other Catholic churches will be invited. There will be a retreat on November 5 for members of the youth group and the confirmation group. St. Brendan speakers will be present and in addition there will be a Hispanic speaker from Raleigh for the afternoon of the retreat. Planning continues for January 6, 7, 8 (2017) for the retreat for Hispanic members of our parish as well as other churches. The facilitators for children's faith formation will be available for children's games. In addition planning continues for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration.

Parish Vision Group – Jack reported on the September 10 symposium which featured Jason Clamme from Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Jason was an excellent speaker. Other council members in attendance included Father Ryszard, Jack Semanko and Jane Moore. Attendance was disappointing with about 24 people present at the symposium. Discussion ensued as to how to improve publicity and attendance for future events. **Action:** Jack will communicate the ideas generated this evening to Joe Butler and Tom Nagle who lead the health component of the vision group.

- Consensus exists that perhaps changing the title of future presentations and including speakers of Tom Nagle (Medicare specialist), John Ingraham (financial planner), Juliet

Casper Esq. (legal advice) and Jason Clamme (hospice and palliative care) might be beneficial

- Improvements to publicity which might include the greater community (Brunswick Beacon, local communities that have email communication systems, and publicity in other church bulletins.)

John Ingraham reported on the seminar that was held in Brendan Hall this afternoon. Attendance was good; he supports partnering with the health group on future seminars and suggests Thursday afternoons as the ideal time for future vision symposiums.

The garden was again discussed and John Ingraham will obtain pricing quotes for the irrigation system and it hoped to install the system in November/December timeframe in preparation for a garden in 2017. **Action:** Coordination will occur with Mike Bailey on installation of the fencing as well as a separate meter for water consumption for the garden.

Faith Formation Update – Family faith formation will begin Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration has yielded over 200 children and we expect more to register in the first few weeks. A session was held last week with the faith formation facilitators. This is a team oriented group of individuals who are excited to begin the academic year. The parents have also expressed excitement in beginning the new year.

The following **actions** will be taken to address two concerns:

#1 Neil Nucci will discuss with Mary Biesack the conflict of food pantry delivery on the first Sunday of each month. It was suggested that the food pantry delivery be held before 9 AM or delayed until after the 11 AM mass on the first Sunday of the month.

#2 Diane will provide to Antonio the lesson plans for meeting with Hispanic parents after their 9:30 AM mass to ensure they are hearing the same lesson plans as their Hispanic children in the Faith Formation classrooms.

Peggy Dotson reported that the last year of faith formation taught by Karen Carr is merged with the Confirmation Class taught by Peggy (there is a total of almost 60 students in these combined years). These classes will begin October 5. Two retreats are planned – one for the final year of FF students and one for the Confirmation students. The date for Confirmation will be April 1, 2017.

Music Program – The choir year is up and running for our three choirs (Sanctuary, Ensemble and Youth). We have a wonderful accompanist working with the choirs. The Contata will be held on March 12. The music and theme will be as last year with some additional songs from *Come Touch the Robe*. Our sanctuary choir will participate at Seaside United Methodist Church on October 9 at 3 pm. Sandy asked for some help in terms of air flow for the choir. Discussion was held. **Action:** Jerry will be in touch with the John and Lynn Yencik to ensure that every Sunday morning the air conditioning in the choir area of the church is left on until the end of the morning masses. In addition, Jerry will be in touch with Rusty Joy to ask that every Tuesday when Rusty leaves, he ensures that the air conditioning is left running in the sanctuary choir area for practice

that evening. **Action:** It was agreed that there should be a designated parking space for the Director of the Music Ministry to ease the delivery of musical equipment used by the choirs.

Mass Schedules – Father Ryszard has suggested that the 11:15 AM mass on Sunday be changed to 11:00 AM. Discussion was held and it was agreed that should not pose a major problem for the Faith Formation programs the first Sunday of each month. **Action:** It was agreed that this would start the first Sunday of Advent. Jerry will speak with Rusty, S Rosanne and Chuck Fitzgerald to ensure that this change is made known in the following areas (*newspapers, web site, bulletins, and signs outside the church, announced in advance by the cantors*). Jerry asked Jane to also send an email to Rusty, Chuck and S Rosanne in follow up of his conversations with these individuals.

Comments –

- John Ingraham and Marie will confirm the date of the end of the year tax seminar to be held at St. Brendan Church.
- Marie stated that she has 35 vendors for the craft show. Profits in 2015 totaled \$4500. This money was ‘ear marked’ for the Loaves and Fishes program. Marie suggested that we might want to use the profits in the future for the garden project and perhaps invite the Brunswick Beacon to interview Father Ryszard as a way to publicize the plans for the health vision for the greater community.

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Father Ryszard concluded meeting at 7:10 PM with a prayer.