

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2018

**In attendance:** Fr. Mark Paveglio, Maureen Boxrud, Tony Valois, Alisa Weber, Sandy Banaszak., Jim Colten, Toni Leach (staff liaison), Candace Logeais, Kirk Enzenauer. **Absent:** Joann Winter **Guest:** Sue Valois

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with an opening prayer led by Maureen Boxrud.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as amended.

How do we efficiently keep the Parish Council updated on the work of the Committees and Action Teams?

**Action Plan:** Each liaison from the PC can write up a short summary after meetings and send via email to Maureen who will pass it on to the PC members. If immediate attention is needed, bring up topic during the PC meeting.

How do we communicate information about Committees and Action Teams to parishioners? **Action Plan:** Maureen will develop a template for all committees and action teams to complete. Template will include: 1. Name and description of the committee/action team 2. Leadership structure 3. Frequency, time, and location of meetings 4. Goals 5. Invitation to join (This information would be on the website/possible bulletin) **Note:** Stewardship Sunday is November 4, a good time for a bulletin insert about this.

Joint Meeting of Parish Councils from Corpus Christi and Saint Rose of Lima will be held on November 13. The purpose of the meeting is to gather general observations. Suggestions for the meeting include: sharing fellowship, breaking bread together, forming small groups to share joys and frustrations. Topics of Conversation suggested include: describing each parishes strengths, how to build community, money, joint endeavors such as volunteering together, and how to maintain a manageable workload for Fr. Marc. **Action Plan:** Discuss at the next meeting.

How do we effectively and efficiently communicate with our parishioners and those we want to become members millennials and all ages? Is a joint bulletin with Saint Rose of Lima a possibility? Should we be switching to an email service like Constant Contact or an app? **Action Plan:** All members will research what it would look like, what medium of communication should be used, and what are the pros and cons? They will present findings at the next meeting.

### Blending Goals and Initiatives

In an effort to build community, inspire multigenerational fellowship, and potentially start a spiritual revival, Sandy introduced a plan to take a break and break bread before Religious Education on Wednesday Nights. **Idea:** Serve a simple meal to all who enter on Wednesday night in the gathering space from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and have everyone join in the prayer service led by the youth from 7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. in the church. After the prayer service students will go to their classes and perhaps adults will stay for extended fellowship that could lead to faith sharing groups or adult faith formation. **Action Plan:** Sandy will go ahead with the meal plan starting the first night of religious education, September 28.

What actions can we take to retain parish members as well as attract new members?

- Could we extend a special invitation to the 5:00 pm mass attendees? Welcome them to another Mass time?
- Do we need to invest more in communication? It needs to be timely and consistent. Research needed.
- What are parishioners saying?
- We say we are a Welcoming Community, what does that mean? Are the parishioner's voices being heard? How do we let them know they have been heard? Could there be a concern and comment section in our communication forums?
- The budget needs to be presented to the parish, to be handled by the finance committee
- Parish Ministry Survey could include questions like "What does justice mean to you?"

Toni mentioned that Hand in Hand would be having the staff talk to a potential renter of a small space on Sunday afternoons.

Meeting closed with a prayer by Fr. Marc

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.