

Parish Council Meeting Minutes: April 8 2018.

Attendance: Fr. Anthony, Janet Parks, Elizabeth Hensil, Pat DiNunzio, Ron Lay, Donna Ward, Tina Kowalski, Kate Reed, Sue Urban, and Sandy Estrada. Absent: Jeff Pallozzi, Gene Snesavage, Janet Binner, Jorge Reyes and Robert Kemmery

1. Approval of January minutes. Sue motioned to approve; Pat second approval.
2. Constructions:
 - a. Old church upgrades:
 - i. Old sacristies (named the locker room)
 1. Helpers cleaned it out
 2. Only the full wardrobe stayed
 3. Started building lockers
 4. Redid the ceiling
 5. They will fob the door.
 - ii. Social hall
 1. Redid the room with some walls and painting
 - iii. Old church
 1. Started framing storage areas for old church
 - iv. Adoration chapel bathroom
 1. This will take priority when all plans are stamped and done. This should be very soon. Waiting for the drawings from the architect and then will submit to Light Heigel for the permit.
 - v. Questions:
 1. Sandra Estrada: do you work alone?
 - a. We get inspections for everything
 - b. Art Bond is helping Chris to oversee the project with other volunteers.
 2. Tina Kowalski
 - a. What are the storage spaces allocated for?
 - i. It can be used as a serving window during Fish Fry and events as well as an area to store chairs.
 - b. Can that space be joined?
 - i. Discussion has been made on this for dessert for fish fry, yet it is a concrete wall and would not be an easy task.
 - c. What are we doing with the glass doors going into the old church because they are beautiful?
 - i. We will do a design with a Milton Hershey student for this whole area.
 - ii. The design will show possibilities for barn doors but also bathrooms and other things.
 - iii. The doors are to be relocated and be used to close off the social hall from the East End Hallway.
 - d. Is there any plan for the Old women's bathroom

i. No new construction but paint, touch up.

3. Janet Parks

- a. Is it feasible to break into the vestibule of the old ladies room so we don't have to build a new one?
- b. Kate Reed - what about access to the rest of the church through the bathroom?
- c. Janet- we could dead bolt it the door that leads to the East End and so access to the bathroom would be from the Old Church.
- d. I think we ran into trouble with ADA but it is definitely worth asking that.

4. Fr. Anthony

- a. What are we thinking with public rentals? What is the priority with outside groups? It was noted that if we do allow rentals or outside groups to use the facility, they will need to obtain a certificate of insurance. This can be done through their insurance company or the Diocesan Insurance Co.
- b. Sue Urban mentioned her group using Encounter's Church for Scrapbooking and the cost was \$50/month but if they wanted to use other areas (i.e. the Kitchen) it would be an additional cost.
 - i. Pat DiNunzio read the minutes from last month to talk about what we said the hall would be for.

b. Outside statues

- i. Mary: Dave Popko is on it and paying for it
- ii. Jesus: Tina has been in contact with Monica from Gingrich Memorials and there have been some miscommunications regarding cleaning the statues, she is going to meet her Monday at 4 but there were problems with emailing photos. There will be more information shortly.

c. Lent

- i. Homily series ideas, do people have ideas for new series like with did the charities?
 - 1. Pat talked about sanctity in the Mass and noise and behavior of children.
 - 2. Tina mentioned that the liturgies were outstanding.
- ii. Formed.org: Janet presented the statistical report. 117 people are currently enrolled in Formed.org online.
 - 1. Is this a good use of church resources? When we did the push at the beginning of Lent, we saw an increase in online traffic yet it has slowed down since.
- iii. Formed.org vs. other Devotionals:

1. Elizabeth Hensil mentioned how much she liked doing the Pope Francis devotional and that it was the first time she used one but that her mother said, "I just use formed.org"
 2. We offered two paperback devotionals this past Lent of which we ordered 100 of each – Word Among Us which we used 58 of them and Pope Francis which we used 52. People commented that they did like the Word Among Us because of the daily Mass readings.
 - iv. Kate mentioned that there are free alternatives to Formed. She mentioned Fr. Schmitt and Bishop Barron. We will continue using Formed.org since we have paid for the subscription yet will revisit other options for next Lent.
 - v. Janet mentioned how 100 people is not a high percentage of our parishioners in relationship to what it is costing us as a parish. Another question was posed, if we are offering Formed.org for free and people can watch it at their convenience, is it to our benefit to also offer the classes at the Church where we need to print out all of the sheets/materials for the bible study?
3. New Business
- a. 40 hours.
 - i. Publish a schedule for adorers for 40 hours.
 - ii. May 20th speaker will be Deacon Mike Solomon.
 - iii. We will begin 40 Hours Sunday evening at Lebanon Valley College where our Sunday Choir will be participating in Caring Voices.
 - iv. Last couple years were happy hour then dinner in the social hall and Lisa would cater and donate. This year, we may again use Lisa's or Chris Wood may possibly cook.
 - v. Pat mentioned he would limit the dinner to religious people.
 - vi. Fr. Anthony mentioned maybe waiting for deacons and wives.
 - vii. Fr. Anthony mentioned we will promote in his homily as well the adoration chapel because we cannot keep it open if we don't fill the schedule.
 - b. Walkway bricks.
 - i. Janet: We thought about selling addition bricks. We tried to do this before but it fell through. We could try again in order to make the walkway even outside with the statue.
 - ii. Pat said we could give it a shot to see how the reception is. Elizabeth mentioned focusing it toward fundraising for a specific thing.
 - iii. Tina brought up the Giving Tree, and we talked about it the pros and cons of the tree.
 - c. Mass intentions.
 - i. A lively discussion began in regards to the Mass Intentions. Is it possible to do more than one intention per mass? The PC suggested this and the extra stipend would be donated to a ministry. It was noted that this is not permissible. We will revisit how to do this at a later date.

- d. Fish Fry was a success. The numbers will be included in the quarterly Financial Report as of 3/31/18 that will be given to the parish this month.
 - e. Interchurch Events:
 - i. Coordinator from Gravel Hill approached Tina about an interchurch chili cook-off. Each year the chili cook-off rotates locations. The hosting church receives all donations and the donations are supposed to go towards Youth Group activities. Slated for Oct. 6th. They are looking for people to volunteer for it.
 - ii. Tina is going to check with Ann and the Youth Group to see if they would be interested.
 - f. Fall retreat.
 - i. 5-6 times with Barb Bettwy
 - ii. Tina talked about 2 days. Here and not overnight.
 - iii. Possibly a talk on confession and maybe offer confession. Provide meals and intergenerational.
 - iv. Could possibly offer babysitting.
 - v. Possibly fall or advent or spring.
 - g. Ministry committee updates:
 - i. Handout of the ministry list
 - h. New ideas
 - i. Elizabeth proposed a business directory. Fr. Anthony mentioned people being upset at the Church if work was bad. Also there is advertising on the back of the bulletin that parishioners could use. Also Holy Spirit used to advertise businesses on placemats used during the Fish Fry and dinners. Might be possible to do online, we will explore this yet again we do not want anyone upset at the Church if they do not like the work.
 - ii. Pat: KofC has purchased a new bunny outfit for the Easter egg hunt. (side note: the KofC member in the suit working with children needs to have clearances).
 - iii. Ron Lay: Asked if Fr Anthony decided on summer Mass schedule? Fr Anthony stated that he would like to keep the Masses the same for the summer 4pm Saturday; 8:30 and 11am on Sundays.
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