

**Date:** February 7, 2019

**Subject:** Parish Council

**In Attendance:** Father Anthony Dill, Janet Parks, Elizabeth Hensil, Pat Dinunzio, Jeffrey Pallozzi, Tina Kowalski, John Ciardullo, Donna Ward, Gene Snosavage, Cole Mase, Bob Kemmery, Jorge Reyes, Kate Reed

**Excused Absence:** Ron Lay

**Minutes:**

Pat Dinunzio Motion to Approve minutes, Bob Kemmery second, minutes approved

- Finance Report: Mark - As of 12/31/18 Operating revenue up, operating expenses up as well for church based on construction projects. Debt continues to be reduced at fast pace, \$33K as of today. Anticipate debt will be paid off by June. Net income \$59K positive. Working on new year budget.
- New Business
  - Social Justice: Jeanne Lantzy was in charge and she is now moving away as a result. Benevolence Account growing. Jeanne would interview potential candidates. Benevolence committee or Shiloh(Caring Cupboard) recommendations. We help ~10 a year (1/month). Art involved in practical help.
    - Examples include:
      - Helping recent widow replace appliances.
      - Small construction projects
      - Helping with a ride/transportation.
    - Ask: We need help moving to the next phase. Anyone interested in committee, please reach out to Father Dill. Art would like to have a meeting 2/11 to stand up committee/structure. Construction/lawn care/ride share/cleaning.
    - Pat explained type of work like leaf removal, one time assistance projects, cleaning, etc. Leverage youth group/volunteer hours/initiatives
    - Father envisions a couple being on call at a time. Interviewing in person as couples. Scout out for people who would be good.
  - Welcome Packet
    - Father Dill: Slowly developing, letter has been finished. List of things that happen. Nix magnetic/welcome item. Start sending out letters.
    - Janet: You can obtain registration form for parish online. Respond with paperwork, fill out and return paper form to parish.
  - Adoration Chapel Participation
    - Father Dill: We need dozens of people to fill hours. We are significantly short. More spirituality the more open people will be. Commitment drive is a good idea. Bart leads and brings in help. Possibly approaching quietest people as

- quiet personalities like the adoration chapel. Rotate seating as it will add 50% more seating in chapel where they hold mass.
  - Have we made appeal from the pulpit. Coming from Father will carry weight. Parishioners passing away has resulted in limited coverage. Express there is a need. Communicate through county for coverage.
  - Some like to go to chapel Friday evening into Saturday. Need someone charismatic to appeal to parishioners. If we make a Lenten appeal, include education
  - Mature church to that level of adoration. Educate them. What about ministries
  - People from other parishes come to our chapel. Use to be filled. Father Koychick started, did a campaign. Contact other parishes to see what they do. We had captains and if relief did not show called captain. Started 30 years ago.
  - A lot of people that visit, no consistent timing, hard to lock in time. Offer commitment drive; possibly offer during lent, couple up as partners. Would we consider closing? Father: No. Send email to parish. Promote events and see if interest in adoration chapel
  - Saturday morning through 4PM mass no one is there. Not a trueing understanding of the Eucharist. Younger generations lack knowledge of real presence
  - Can we publicize through the Diocese? Offer to neighboring parishes to volunteer
  - Maybe identify people from other parishes. Reach out to pastor to possibly get a nucleus of people.
  - Potential committee to help educate and build interest and recruit others.
- Lent
  - Stations of Cross
    - Father: Ministries to do Stations of the Cross. Any concerns? Choose groups that participated last year. Father will contact the ministries. Jorge to do one. 7PM right after fish fry
  - Altar of Repose
    - Holy Thursday Mass after mass: Challenge for adoration chapel
    - Possibly have church open till 5AM in the morning. Support adoration initiative.
    - Note: 14<sup>th</sup> of April/Palm Sunday for Seder meal
- Medicine/Healthcare Ministry
  - Maryellen is willing to co-lead and wants to understand what is entailed. Red Cross contacts for blood drive as an example. Some parishes put out flu education
  - Check AD batteries etc.
- Preschool at Holy Spirit
  - We were asked if we could do a preschool here. Start with the Good Shepard.

- Interested in participating. A lot of cost involved, budgeting, licensing. If < 5 hours a day do not need to be licensed. Certified teacher running the program. Benevolence fund or scholarship
    - Are we interested? Parish Council supports.
    - Clearances are a requirement
- Old Business
  - Update on Construction:
    - Church updates. Installed heater in adoration chapel bathroom. Everyday laundry list. New fryers in the kitchen. Festival related updates. Hood not up to code (fire suppression system) now replaced.
    - Investments are appreciated to make the church nicer; feeling is mutual
    - Church renovations to remove pews by baptismal, open up space, add confessionals, install cubbies and move candles by front entry
  - Update on Women's Group
    - Would like to start this program. Columbiettes exist as well as other national organizations
- Upcoming Events:
  - Sign
    - Knights of Columbus would like to make a sign on Pine Street 24" x 24" vinyl post double sided. Permanent sign.
    - Makes a motion to approve a sign for the KofC that will be presented to the PC for design approval and placement.
  - Ushers:
    - They feel like they are held up and jammed into a funnel to exit church caused by ushers with bulletin. Parish Council
    - Reinstall holy water by windows
  - Old Church Name: Email Names to Elizabeth
  - Mary Circle: Crowning ceremony?
- Ministry Updates
  - Email Jeff
  - Festival planning, date will be 8/9-8/10, just booked smooth like Clyde for Saturday night cover band. A lot is coming together. Closing in on food, kid games, etc.
    - Sat 5-10PM, Sun??
  - Shine updates, well attended, good participating. Easy does it. Donated money to needy families. \$100 in gift certificates went to the family. \$100 to NICU Hershey Med
  - RCIA Update on 5 participants in program, progressing on their journey
  - Fish fry going well, sign ups etc.

**Conclusion:** Meeting adjourned with a prayer.