

Parish Council May 17, 2018

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

Gene motion to approve the minutes; Pat second the motion. Minutes approved.

#### Old Business

Regarding day of reflection, Fr Anthony's friend will be in visiting from Egypt and he suggested Fr Saied lead the day of reflection. We would like to have the reflection sometime in the fall, possibly the end of September.

#### New Business:

Children's envelopes: The question posed was, should we still use Noah's buddies for the children but what about age group between that and being an adult?

It was noted that many kids give with their parents. It was suggested that Noah's Buddies envelopes are used through grade 3. Some were unaware we still used Noah's Buddies envelopes to which Fr Anthony stated that he only does the actual "Noah's Buddies to the front of the church at the 11am Mass". The envelopes are given to all the children in Prep at the beginning of the year yet out of all of the age groups for Prep approximately 6 people give on a consistent basis (Noah's Buddies). We do receive a couple of the Life Teen envelopes yet again it is a minimal number each week; roughly 4. Because of the minimal amount of envelopes we receive each week, it was mentioned that we could have the envelopes available in the back of Church for the kids that want to use them rather than at Prep. It was suggested that we ask the PREP children if they are interested in the investment in envelopes and if they want them. "How many of the children would truly think that they would use them?" it was estimated that roughly 20% of the children in his 5th grade PREP class attend Church. Kids play so many sports, if they play hockey they make 6 or 7 sessions. Out of 24 students, 1 had perfect attendance. Probably average number of missed classes would be 5 out of 25 meetings. There are 3 or 4 that go the 8:30 because they come in a little later, and there are a few that go after, but not many. We do have 4 altar servers out of 5th grade. It was agreed that sports are a big issue. Our parish still has an active young population comparing to some other churches.

Social Justice - Sister Parish: What do we think about supporting a specific parish? It was mentioned that we do a lot as a church and diocese to help a lot of outside organizations. It was mentioned that it might be good to pick a parish within our own diocese to help. An example would be if St. Francis would need donations at the end of the year, or San Juan Bautista. We could do a partnership and see what they are working on and we could do a 2nd collection one time a year, or if we have additional net income we could promise a percentage of it to them, this though, would have to go through finance council. It was asked if we would you go the diocese to do this to which Fr Anthony replied that we could get all the parish's financial statements to see who is running in the red and who could use help. It was stated that we could talk with them to see what there other needs are too. Some liked the idea of a parish with a soup kitchen and thought it would be fabulous to help a parish like that. Some stated that they are aware from growing up that the percentage of priests from some of our smaller areas is

now low and they can't support themselves as well. Fr Anthony stated that our next step is to shorten the list of possible parishes to help.

#### Parish Council Elections:

(We passed out the by-laws to review and grade ourselves and possibly change time frames)

Fr. Anthony stated that he has a list of the members and wants to talk about cycling membership because a term is 3-4 years and we are all almost in our first year and he does not want everyone cycling off at the same time. Sandra Estrada and Janet Binner both stated that they would be okay to step down at the end of the year. Jeff said he would be a second year member.

Donna Ward made a motion to move the elections to July, Janet Binner second the motion. All were in favor of this move.

Fr. Anthony apologized that we have not been publishing the minutes on website. Janet will publish the minutes after they are approved at the meeting (they will therefore be a meeting behind).

#### Quarterly Financial Statement:

Sue Urban was unable to attend due to a knee replacement so Janet gave a quick overview. The 3rd Quarter financial report was given to the parish in the bulletin and is on the website if anyone has not seen it. We had a deficit at the end of the 3rd quarter. We were in the red as mentioned at the end of the 3rd quarter yet as of today, we are in the black. We started publishing the savings balance on the quarterly report now which is new. We included the Fish Fry information in the report which our event was very good. Information on a matching donation program with Hershey was included in the report and on our website. Janet has received positive feedback about the way its been presented. It was asked if it is normal to be in the red. Janet stated that it is normal for the beginning of the fiscal year to be in red and not unusual yet due to our renovations to the rectory and office area, it was expected that we would be in the red. We did have an increase in Sunday giving and attendance which has helped our income.

#### Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

For Penetcost, we are switching the prayer we do before Mass to "Come Holy Spirit" especially since we are the Church of the Holy Spirit. Pat asked that maybe we can reevaluate it in a couple of months

#### Logo:

Fr. Anthony's friend Kristen redrew our bronze Holy Spirit dove for stationary and the bulletin so we have a consistent logo. Fr. Anthony passed around the design for PC to see. All approved.

### Candle and flower memorials:

In an effort to minimize announcements and fairness of recognition it was asked if we should change prices for memorials or change how they are memorialized. Father would like to minimize the announcements. He also stated that people give a lot of money and time to the parish without being recognized in the bulletin and asked if those memorials were something people wanted to keep. There was a strong concern that it was nice to have the memorials for loved ones, especially because one couldn't always get Masses. Also the price for flowers have gone up and the donation does not cover the price of the flowers so part of the cost is being covered by the parish as a whole. Instead of announcing the memorials for candles and flowers at Mass, could we do a board in the narthex to recognize it or put it on the TV?

Some stated that they would really like to be able to memorialize flowers, especially if they cannot get a Mass. The Council thought if people knew the actual cost of the flowers and we advertised better, more would donate and memorialize them. It was asked if the flowers and candles were available the same time as the Masses become open. Janet explained how the Mass intentions are opened at intervals but that the flowers and candles are open usually beginning in December for the entire next year. The conversation returned to how to relay the memorials. Everyone was okay with a board. Some suggested the TV screen and others said liked it in the bulletin. Fr Anthony commented that he did not want a lot of space designated for the memorials in the bulletin. Janet suggested we come up with something for the TV for the candles and flowers and post the entire month. She also suggested that we include in the intentions at the top of the Calendar and Intention Section since that is where we list the Masses. Everyone was in favor of these ideas. Janet said she would begin it with the first Sunday in July.

It was asked if we can get a second intention on the Mass? It was also asked if we could give Masses to our sister parish once we get one. Fr Anthony stated that we can do a 2nd intention but it would be for free and if it was for a special occasion. There was concern that people would then purposely wait to be the 2nd benefactor so they would not have to pay. Fr Anthony reiterated that he cannot take more money than \$10 for a Mass and he doesn't want people thinking that they "own" the Mass. The discussion in regards to Masses continued with the possibility of capping the amount of scheduled Masses. It was expressed if a couple people close to anyone died they wouldn't be able to get Masses for them because of the cap.

### Giving Tree

Father has asked Tom Morrelli, who is an artist and engineer by trade, to look at the tree and give us some ideas for the memorial plaques. Tom suggested painting a tree on the wall and then incorporate the names into the painting. Fr Anthony & Janet also discussed with Tom painting the wall that was put up in the social hall on the old stage to make it a storage area. Janet suggested the Last Supper or something to do with Pentecost. Tom is going to mull this over and let us know his thoughts. As a parishioner, he offered to do this work for free.

DeComm:

(An update on the committee was handed out to the Parish Council) We are currently using a new vendor, Rhapsody in Bloom by Bridget Cole who is a parishioner. So far the feedback has been positive.

Festival:

We are trying to schedule a meeting for next Thursday May 24th. The festival is scheduled for the 11th and 12th of August. We will be selling t-shirts which people can order electronically.

They asked if we will start talking about the festival in the announcements as people have been asking about it. Janet stated that we have bulletin announcements ready to go yet we are waiting on some details. They asked if we would be advertising on billboards to which we told informed that the committee will be checking into it.

Upcoming events:

40 hours will be coming up with Deacon Mike Solomon as the speaker

Corpus Christi - we will process out the Narthex doors and around to the Adoration Chapel weather permitting

Altar server appreciation - we will invite the altar servers to participate in this day and possibly ask for parent volunteers to help. We will serve food and have activities for the kids here at Holy Spirit.

ReTune in June – Tina mentioned Shine Ministry is kicking out something new where one will pray and exercise each day. Sign-ups are in the Narthex.

Future Meetings:

September 20th at 7:30pm

November 15th at 7:30pm

February 7 at 7:30pm

May 2 at 7:30pm

June 20th at 6:00pm (Note the Change in Time Please)