

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – April 25, 2018

In attendance: Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Margaret Cusack, Chrissy Erbacher, Meghan Rogers, Jeff Schoenborn, Ted Smith, Andrew Suchyna, Amy Vossen Vukelic, John Wilde

Excused: Deacon Tom Friedman, Sue Casilio, Rob Fohl, Catherine Friedman

Guests: Eileen Barker (Life Touch), Bob Poczik, two parishioners

1. The meeting opened with prayer
2. Minutes from March were approved.
3. Amy introduced Eileen Barker from Life Touch. Eileen explained their new products for Parish Directories and provided samples. The new directory approach includes updates for new parishioners. It was decided that we would not try to undertake this before the vendor's June 2018 deadline for promotional pricing, but the staff will continue to evaluate the product.
4. Fr. Ron
 - a. Nativity and St. Mary's of Swormville completed their joint Mass attendance assignment in April as directed by the Diocese and Vicariate, and Fr. Ron appreciated the Parish Council's work to complete the project that was assigned to the WNY parishes.
 - b. Catholic Charities has fallen short of their goal. The Bishop has made it clear that no money donated to Catholic Charities or Upon this Rock are directed towards legal settlements.
 - c. Jeff asked whether the Parish Council could learn more about the parish policies and procedures designed to protect children and vulnerable adults, and assist communicating information about them to the wider parish community. Fr. Ron encouraged such an effort and its addition to an upcoming Parish Council meeting agenda.
5. Space Committee – Bob Poczik reported on the progress of the committee. The mix of committee members allows for ideas to be presented as well as the expertise to analyze and refine them. Architectural drawings are made available at each meeting. Current focus is to repurpose space that is not well used, as well as increase meeting space. Due to permits, town board approvals, etc., once decisions are made, timeframes are usually at least a year before completion.
6. Parish Council openings: Kevin Dean has resigned from the council due to other commitments. Currently there are two vacant positions.
7. Some concerns were brought to Margaret from a parishioner. Margaret presented the issues to a council and they were received. Margaret will follow-up with the parishioner.
8. Margaret commented on Pope Francis' recent comments regarding the devil. His approach to fighting the devil is to be optimistic, be cheerful and not give in to worry. This was discussed briefly.
9. The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting: May 23. Future Meetings: June 27, July 25, August 22.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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