

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – December 18, 2017

In attendance: Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Sue Casilio, Margaret Cusack, Rob Fohl, Jeff Schoenborn, Ted Smith, Andrew Suchyna, John Wilde

Excused: Deacon Tom Friedman, Kevin Dean, Chrissy Erbacher, Catherine Friedman, Michele Mogavero, Meghan Rogers, Amy Vossen Vukelic

Guests: Bruce Zgoda

1. The meeting opened with prayer.
2. Minutes from November were approved.
3. Fr. Ron
 - a. Upon This Rock campaign has been completed; over one million dollars has been pledged.
 - b. Proposed Facility and Infrastructure Committee – At least one long-time and active parishioner with extensive professional expertise has expressed an interest in participating in such a committee. Rob will begin to form a committee.
4. School Facility Tour - A visit was made to the school to begin to familiarize the Parish Council with the current space in the school. The second floor space with windows overlooking the gym was discussed as an initial temporary candidate for use as an “Atrium” classroom for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.
5. PC meetings will shift to the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Msgr. Paa Center beginning February 28. January’s meeting will be held as previously scheduled on Monday, January 22.
6. Technology/Systems – A brief discussion was held regarding updates to PDS (Parish Data Systems) and the costs being incurred with PC/software updates for the school and rectory.
7. Word from Pope Francis, prior to his election, “When the Church does not come out of herself to evangelize, she becomes self-referential, and then she gets sick. The evils that over the course of time happen in ecclesial institutions have their root in self-reference in a sort of theological narcissism. In the Book of Revelation, Jesus says that he is at the door and knocks. Evidentially the text refers to his knocking from outside in order to enter, but I think of the times in which Jesus knocks from within so that we will let him come out. The self-referential Church keeps Jesus within herself and does not let him come out.” A brief discussion was held regarding this statement.
8. Parish Council Fall Openings – Margaret recommended that all members with terms expiring speak to potential candidates to fill the open positions.
9. The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting: January 22, 2018. Future Meetings: February 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

MJD 1/2/18