

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – February 27, 2017

In attendance: Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Margaret Cusack, Kevin Dean, Rob Fohl, Michele Mogavero, Bob Poczick, Jeff Schoenborn, Andrew Suchyna, Ted Smith, Amy Vossen Vukelic, John Wilde, Fred Zazycki

Excused: Chrissy Erbacher, Deacon Tom Friedman, Catherine Friedman,

Guests: Stephanie Moss, Suzanne Ionessa

1. Meeting opened with prayer.
2. Minutes from the January meeting were approved.
3. Fr. Ron
 - a. St. Martin de Porres choir sang at the Saturday Vigil Mass. Members of #onebody were present. Nativity's choir recently sang at our 4:30pm Vigil Mass as well. Both choirs were appreciated by the congregations.
 - b. St. Lawrence was the latest Buffalo Diocese church visited by the "Mass Mob." Many Nativity parishioners attended the wonderful service at St. Lawrence on Feb. 26 and a special collection for its emergency roof fund raising about \$5,000. This led Nativity parishioners to ask Fr. Ron about other ways the St. Lawrence roof campaign could be supported. Fr. Ron noted that there is a GoFundMe page that anyone may make a donation through. Other ideas discussed for supporting the roof campaign included putting a second collection on the calendar at Nativity, hosting a concert or other fundraising event at Nativity, and considering how St. Lawrence could fit into a broader strategy for how Nativity might aid other parishes with specific needs. Fr. Ron will continue to discuss ideas with the Finance Council.
 - c. Fr. Ron will begin meeting with people next week to discuss the Buffalo Diocese's Upon this Rock campaign. Some in the parish will be trained to help meet with people to explain the program.
4. Parish Ministry Meeting - Amy / Rob
 - a. Meeting was held February 9th. It was an opportunity for all to find out what other groups were doing. At least one person from every ministry attended; there were 35 attendees.
 - b. Chuck Stephan prepared a ministry booklet that was made available.
 - c. One of the purposes of the meeting was to thank all for their participation; another was to allow people to connect and share ideas.
5. Lenten Listening Campaign - Amy
 - a. The new events/activities that are being introduced in the parish are because the pastoral staff is listening.
 - b. Two training sessions were held. Sessions demonstrated how to hold a conversation with someone, particularly as a listener and all participants did a "practice" conversation. Purpose is to initiate relationships in the parish.
 - c. Conversations will take place during Lent.
6. Kevin demonstrated how to enter information into the Strategic Plan Goals Matrix stored in Excel online.
7. Action items for Strategic Plan goals were presented by the different priority areas
8. New Business
 - a. Suggested inviting new school board to the April meeting (after their board meeting)
 - b. John reminded all of Stephanie's presentation on the Camino in the school cafeteria on Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 PM.
 - c. March PC meeting will be held in the school library. (Mission will be using the Paa Center.)
9. The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting: March 20, 2017. Future meetings: April 24, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21.

All meetings will take place in the Msgr. Paa Center at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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