

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – February 28, 2018

In attendance: Fr. Ron Sajdak, Sue Casilio, Margaret Cusack, Kevin Dean, Rob Fohl, Meghan Rogers, Jeff Schoenborn, Ted Smith, , Amy Vossen Vukelic, John Wilde

Excused: Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Deacon Tom Friedman, Chrissy Erbacher, Catherine Friedman, Michele Mogavero, Andrew Suchyna

Guests: Lydia Zielinski

1. The meeting opened with prayer.
2. Minutes from December were approved.
3. Church Growth and Space Committee – Rob reported on the first two meetings. Attendees were Fr. Ron, Jim Biardi, Rob Fohl, Otto Misso, Dick Gehring, Al Nemmer, Chuck Stephen, and Bob Poczik. Agreed that facilities were all in good shape.; the West chapel is underutilized. In addition to school and church services, facilities used for meetings, prayer and social activities. Assessed the land owned by the church; it is open to possibilities. The next meeting of the committee will take place the first week in March.
4. Fr. Ron
 - a. He has received positive feedback regarding his homily suggestion to restore family time on Sundays during Lent.
 - b. There will be a Holy Thursday dinner at St. Martin de Porres. Nativity parishioners are invited. It will follow the Holy Thursday services.
 - c. There will only be one Easter Vigil among the three parishes. It will take place at Nativity.
 - d. Commented on efforts to reduce extraordinary expenses.
 - e. A new program for teachers and teacher aides – beginning in the Fall of 2018, tuition will be waived for their children attending Nativity.
5. Youth Ministry Program – Lydia
 - a. John reviewed the three components of Youth Ministry: deepen their experience of faith; engage with those within the parish (new); encounter with students outside the parish (new).
 - b. The diocese ran two workshops for youth ministry regarding building a sustainable youth ministry program.
 - c. Want the parish to be more involved in Youth Ministry and Youth Ministry to be more involved in the parish.
 - d. The three smart goals for Youth Ministry were reviewed along with the three year desired outcomes.
6. Amy noted that on March 20th, from 7:00-8:30 pm there will be a Social Ministry/Social Justice Visioning meeting. All are welcome.
7. Margaret read a brief paragraph from Pope Francis regarding dialog and it was discussed briefly.
8. The meeting closed with prayer.

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

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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