

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – January 23, 2017

In attendance: Fr. Ron Sajdak, Margaret Cusack, Chrissy Erbacher, Rob Fohl, Bob Poczik, Andrew Suchyna, Ted Smith, Amy Vosson Vukelic, John Wilde

Excused: Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Deacon Tom Friedman, Kevin Dean, Catherine Friedman, Michele Mogavero, Jeff Schoenborn, Fred Zazycki

Guests: Bruce Zgoda

1. Meeting opened with prayer.
2. Fr. Ron
 - a. Jim Long received a letter from Goodwill thanking Nativity's St. Vincent de Paul society for helping out a single mother at Christmas. The group (SVDP) quietly provides help to many.
 - b. Upon this Rock will be starting at Nativity in February. It is ending at St. Martin de Porres and just starting at St. Lawrence. At Nativity, Upon this Rock and Catholic Charities will be bundled together, there will not be two campaigns this year.
 - c. Space – Rob shared renderings of potential concepts for renovating spaces within the church building for small-group and individual worship, children's liturgy, small-group meetings and hospitality. The renderings reflected expertise shared by parishioners who are professionals working in engineering, architecture, commercial construction and building maintenance.
 - d. #onebody – Many from this group attended the Community Prayer Service for Racial Healing at Blessed Trinity. While introducing St. Martin de Porres' choir, Fr. Ron spoke about the meetings held between St. Martin de Porres and Nativity. There will be an article this week in the Clarence Bee about #onebody.
3. Amy / John
 - a. The monthly Family and Faith reflection series is continuing. This week Fr. Ron will speak. Two more sessions are planned (Amy and Paul Vukelic next month; Stephanie Moss the following month). Suggestions have been received for future sessions.
 - b. John explained that the new songbooks now in the pews were purchased with a grant submitted by John and Stephanie to Oregon Catholic Press. They are being used at the Youth Mass. In time they will also be used at other Masses.
4. Strategic Plan
 - a. The revised 2017-2018 goals were reviewed and discussed; some revisions are needed.
 - b. Small groups worked on the goal revisions.
 - c. Goal revisions voted on and approved.
5. Minutes from the December meeting were approved.
6. The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting: February 27, 2017. Future meetings: March 20, 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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