

***Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church***  
***Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – July 17, 2017***

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

**Excused:** Fr. Ron Sajdak, Deacon Tom Friedman, Chrissy Erbacher, Catherine Friedman, Bob Poczik

**Guests:** Stephanie Moss

1. Meeting opened with prayer.
2. Minutes from June were approved.
3. Update on church remodeling and improvements - Rob
  - a. After discussion with Fr. Ron, Rob agreed to follow-up with Dick Gehring of Trautman Associates to get renderings of the proposed changes to both side chapels. Rob will get cost estimates for changes to the chapels and updates to sacristy.
  - b. Renderings will be displayed in the side chapels once available.
  - c. Proposals/costs will be submitted to diocese for approval.
4. School Board - Margaret
  - a. The last board meeting took place in May. Those serving on the board are dedicated and excited about what is happening. They are actively pursuing goals outlined in the strategic plan.
  - b. Kindergarten, K-readiness and pre-K are close to being full. Upper grades (6-8) average 19-20 students, lower grades (1-5) average 14. Retention of younger students is critical.
  - c. Accreditation – The proposed diocesan program required all schools to participate, but not all schools wanted to pursue accreditation, thus that option is not available. Joe Roaldi is looking into accreditation for Nativity; the school board is interested in pursuing this.
  - d. Joe Roaldi is working on a new school handbook that will be available in the fall. He is also looking into ways to improve communication.
5. Picnic – Amy  
Picnic is on the calendar for Sunday, September 10. Planning will take place in August.
6. Flock Notes - Stephanie
  - a. Stephanie introduced Flock Notes, a communication tool created by Catholic young adults. She explained how she is using flock notes with the young adults and did a demo for all present. It is a tool that can be used by the parish and groups within the parish. Individuals can choose to subscribe and unsubscribe as desired. Information can be sent via text, email and even phone calls.
  - b. All present felt it would be a useful tool for the parish. It is a cost effective service and already built into the Family Faith Formation budget. Amy will follow-up with Fr. Ron and Janet to include in the parish budget for next year.
7. Lifelong Faith Formation – John  
John reviewed the current state of the LFF program and plans for the upcoming year. Some points made:
  - a. Enrollment is down slightly, but not the significant decline as in past years. Grades 1-3 are targeted for growth. Follow-up with families that don't register takes place in the fall and this has increased participation. Families are reporting they are happy with the teachers and the program.
  - b. Nativity's goals: more intentional outreach to families, quality programming, communication. John also reviewed the diocesan goals.
  - c. Staff consists of John as director and 4 coordinators, Maureen Rademacker (Office Manager & Coordinator of Elementary FF and Sacraments), Meghan Rogers (Coordinator of Middle School & Young Families FF), Debbie Daigler (Coordinator of RCIA & Confirmation) and Stephanie Moss. Stephanie will be leaving in September. A new position of Pastoral Associate for Youth & Young Adults has been posted and a number of candidates have submitted resumes.
  - d. Current FFF goes from grades 1 to 11. By September 2018 the plan is to have a PreK to 12<sup>th</sup> grade program in place. Adult FFF continues to grow.
  - e. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori based program, will be introduced in the fall of 2018.

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8. Next Meeting

a. The yearly wrap-up meeting will take place at Michele Mogavaro's, starting at 6:30pm with dinner.

9. The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting: August 21.

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