

***Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church***  
***Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – July 25, 2018***

**In attendance:** Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Sue Casilio, Margaret Cusack, Rob Fohl, Jeff Schoenborn, Amy Vossen Vukelic, John Wilde

**Excused:** Deacon Tom Friedman, Catherine Friedman, Meghan Rogers, Ted Smith, Andrew Suchyna

1. The meeting opened with prayer
2. June minutes and agenda were approved.
3. Fr. Ron: A letter was received from Bishop Malone regarding the parish model set up with Nativity, St. Martin de Porres, and St. Lawrence. The central city parishes (St. Columba-Bridgid, Blessed Trinity, St. Martin's and St. Lawrence) are in dialog and working on a new model for their parishes. Fr. Ron will be the pastor of Nativity. Fr. Daniel will remain at Nativity for another year. The bishop's letter will be included in the bulletin.
4. Review PC Operating Procedures
  - a. Margaret read a statement written by Bob Poczik commenting on the status of the council following discussions with Margaret and Rob. In light of the resignations of four current members, three more terms expiring in August and the lack of new candidates for the council, it suggested a hiatus in PC operations and a review of council operations take place by an appointed group beginning in September. Their task would be to make recommendations for the operation of a new council or an alternative by December so that it could begin operating in January 2019.
  - b. Discussion ensued regarding this. At one point Fr. Ron suggested that it would be nice to have members of the parish council be trained in listening, then to have intentional dialogs with parish members between meetings and bring what they have learned to the next meeting.
  - c. After discussion, Fr. Ron recommended we suspend current operations and form a committee of leadership from past councils to study and make recommendations for moving forward. Included should be a review of the mission statement and the vision for the parish.
5. August meeting: For the past two years the August meeting has been an informal one. It was suggested we do this again and invite all who have been on the council this year. The August meeting is an opportunity to review the accomplishments of the council and inform those present of the plans for the fall. Location and details to be determined.
6. Parish celebration: The parish feast day falls on Saturday this year. It was agreed that on Saturday, September 8, there will be a special Mass celebrating the feast day, followed by cake and coffee under the tent. The parish celebration and picnic will be held on Sunday after 11:00am Mass.
7. The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting: August 22.