

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – June 19, 2017

In attendance: Margaret Cusack, Kevin Dean, Rob Fohl, Michele Mogavero, Bob Poczik, Jeff Schoenborn, Ted Smith, Andrew Suchyna, Amy Vossen Vukelic

Excused: Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Deacon Tom Friedman, Chrissy Erbacher, Catherine Friedman, John Wilde, Fred Zazycki

Guests: Mark Miller, Stephanie Moss, Kathy Pirro, Maureen Rademacher, Chuck Stephan

1. Meeting opened with prayer.
2. Minutes from March and May were approved.
3. Bells
 - a. Chuck Stephan explained the history of the bells. They were originally installed in 1965 and sounded for many years. The recent installation was funded through donations by the Hearts Afire group running the various retreats, both at Nativity and at other parishes. Six systems were evaluated; selection was made on quality of the sound and flexibility of the system. It was suggested that a history of the bells at Nativity be added to the website.
 - b. Feedback has been received by a number of neighbors and parishioners. Most has been favorable, though for the neighbors it took some getting used to after years of not hearing them. There were some negative comments, particularly related to the frequency.
 - c. The council recommended the frequency of the bells be reduced (eliminate tolling on the ¼ and ¾ hour) and lower the volume at 8:30 am and 10:30 am on Sunday during the Episcopal Church services (which are at 8-9:00 am and 10-11:00 am). The recommendations will be reviewed with Fr. Ron and follow-up with others concerned will take place. A review will take place in approximately six months.
 - d. The council wants to express their gratitude to the Hearts Afire group that collected donations, evaluated alternatives and installed the new bells.
4. Parish Picnic
 - a. The picnic will be held on Sunday, September 10th after 11:00 PM Mass. It will again honor Mary's birthday (which is celebrated on September 8th). Format will be similar to last year, a picnic on the lawn at Nativity with tents. Nativity will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. Attendees will be asked to bring a dish to share.
 - b. Kathy Pirro was instrumental in organization last year and is willing to help again. Maureen Rademacher and Ted Smith are also willing to help organize. Amy will set up a committee. Others interested in helping should contact Amy.
5. Technology – Kevin and Jeff
 - a. Have met with Amy and John regarding their needs. They still to meet with representatives from the school.
 - b. Two Parish Data systems (PDS) are in use, one for the school and one for the parish. This creates duplication of effort. PDS will be evaluated with the intent to consolidate systems for ease of use. Role based security allows for limitation of access to information needed. Information from PDS is helpful for the school and parish, but training is needed to allow creation of needed reports.
 - c. Kevin and Jeff to meet with school principal and others from the school this summer.
6. New Business
 - a. Two new members of the council are needed for fall. A notice will be placed in the bulletin. PC members were asked to think of possible new members and reach out to them to see if they are interested in joining the council.
7. Next Meeting
 - a. Presentation by Stephanie on Flock Notes.
8. The meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting: July 17, 2017. Future meetings: 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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