

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

In attendance: Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Sue Casilio, Margaret Cusack, Chrissy Erbacher, Rob Fohl, Meghan Rogers, Jeff Schoenborn, Ted Smith, Andrew Suchyna, Amy Vossen Vukelic, John Wilde

Excused: Deacon Tom Friedman, Kevin Dean, Catherine Friedman

1. The meeting opened with prayer
2. Minutes from February were approved with corrections.
3. School Board – Sue reported on the recent meeting. The board is currently reviewing the Strategic Plan. Three committees have been formed: Budget/Finance, Education/Quality Assurance, and Advancement. The board meets four times a year. Always looking for new ways to fundraise. Planning on installing a gate behind the school building to prevent cars from passing behind the school during recess and dismissal. Other areas of School Board interest: enrollment, fund-raising, Business First rating. Staying current with public schools. Enrollment looking good for fall; kindergarten enrollment is key.
4. Faith Formation – John noted that one of the focuses for 2020 is to develop an online presence to provide opportunities for families to live their faith in day to day life. Interested in people that may have knowledge in the area of building websites that could assist in developing and building a new website. Margaret will write up a notice for the bulletin regarding the need for parishioner interactive design expertise and volunteer assistance in developing a website.
5. Fr. Ron
 - a. The Priest Council has requested that all the parishes in the diocese take attendance on three consecutive weekends in April. This is being done to analyze the number of Masses needed and evaluate Mass times. We have been paired with St. Mary's in Swormville for counting; two people will count at each Mass, one from each parish. Rob and Margaret will coordinate.
 - b. Holy Week schedule is being finalized for the three parishes.
6. Parish Council openings: Michele Mogavero has resigned from the council.
7. Parish Directory – Should a new parish directory be created? The last one created was 15 years ago. Photo directories are free; individuals have the opportunity to purchase pictures from the vendor. St. Joseph's recently created a new directory; Amy will touch base with them regarding their experience.
8. Church Growth and Space Committee – Rob reported that two more meetings have taken place. Current looking at renovations in the church (not elsewhere on the campus). Considerations at this time: elevator for Paa Center and church; all present at the meeting agreed that if it was done it should be done right. Jeff proposed sharing quarterly or semi-annual data with the Council to assist in monitoring the health and vitality of the parish, such as numbers of registered families, donors, school students, adult and youth faith formation participants, as well as donation amounts. To be followed up with Parish Office, School and Faith Formation staffs.
9. Catholic Social Teaching – Amy provided an agenda regarding Catholic Social Teachings to be used to incorporate CST when various parish groups meet and with the broader parish community. The book *Becoming Salt and Light* was used as a reference. Each year an issue will be highlighted. This year homelessness will be the focus.
10. Margaret read two paragraphs from Pope Francis regarding the culture of encounter. It was discussed briefly. The discussion served as the closing prayer.

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

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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