

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – October 19, 2015

In attendance: Fr. Ron Sajdak, Fr. Mark Itua, Fr. Daniel Ogbeifun, Deacon Tom Friedman, Margaret Cusack, Kevin Dean, Rob Fohl, Catherine Friedman, Michele Mogavero, Bob Poczik, Jeff Schoenborn, Amy Vosson Vukelic, John Wilde, Fred Zazycki

Excused: Jerry Sentz

Others Present: Bruce Zgoda

1. Fr. Daniel opened with prayer.
2. Last meeting minutes accepted.
3. Fr. Ron Sajdak
 - a. Fr. Ron thanked the community for the welcome of Bishop Malone and missionaries. Fr. Ron has now completed his role as Director of the Pontifical Mission Society. The Vietnamese dancers from Coronation Parish were present at the Mass.
 - b. Bishop Malone was also present on Saturday for 8:00am Mass and to meet those from the diocese attending the Christ Life Seminar.
4. Finance Council – Bruce Zgoda
 - a. Committee of 8 (last couple years operated with 6 members); operates as advisory to the pastor.
 - b. Finance committee worked with school over the past few years to shore up the financing of the school.
 - c. Parish budget is increasing; contributions down somewhat. Nativity parishioners are very generous when needs arise.
 - d. Many changes this year; finance committee looking more closely at expenses and requests for funds. Janet Paul very helpful in providing information.
5. Hospitality – brainstorming session facilitated by Margaret to gather ideas to make Nativity a more loving parish
6. Pastoral Associates – Outreach Efforts - Amy
 - a. Amy gave a brief overview of what she and Chrissy do in the part-time job they share (Chrissy covers morning and Amy covers afternoons/evenings). Everyone at Nativity is welcome at the table.
 - b. Outreach – about 50% of time is spent on outreach
 - Coordinate (St. Lawrence Food Pantry, Bissonette House, School service projects)
 - Other (St. Vincent DePaul, Habitat for Humanity)
 - Parishioner consultation when priests not available
 - New parishioner gatherings
 - c. Inreach – “being” – allowing each person to get in touch with God and have their spirit fed
 - Eucharistic ministers (homebound/nursing homes)
 - Compassion ministry (bereavement, follow-up with individuals, Mass of remembrance)
 - New parishioner forms and follow-up
 - Minister to ministers / Hospitality in all its forms
 - d. Voice Buffalo – working for justice (more next month) – Amy encouraged all to attend upcoming meeting.
7. Member Roles/Liaisons
 - a. School Strategic Planning – Bob & Margaret
 - b. Lifelong Faith Formation – Bob
 - c. Evangelization & Hospitality – Michele & Rob
 - d. Outreach & Social Justice - Margaret & Jerry
 - e. Financial Resources – Rob & Ken
 - f. Diocesan/Cross-Parish Resources - Fred
 - g. Communications/Technology – Jeff and Kevin
8. Welcome reception for Fr. Mark and Fr. Daniel will be December 6th after 11:00am Mass.
9. Fr. Ron closed with prayer.

Next meeting: Monday, November 16, 2015. Future meetings: 2015: December 21; 2016: January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15. All meetings will take place in the Msgr. Paa Center at 7:00 PM.

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