

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – September 21, 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, Jerry Sentz, Amy Vosson Vukelic, John Wilde, Fred Zazycki

Excused: Jeff Schoenborn, Ken Wojnowski

Others Present: Meghan Rogers, Bill Ogilvie

1. Fr. Ron introduced Fr. Mark and Fr. Daniel.
2. Appointment of new Parish Council members was confirmed by vote of the council – Michele Mogavero and Fred Zazycki.
- - break for dinner - -
3. Opening Prayer
4. Election of officers for 2015-2016: Bob Poczik elected Chair; Jerry Sentz elected Vice-Chair
5. Last meeting minutes accepted.
6. Bob reviewed the accomplishments of the PC during the 2014-15 year. These are posted on the Nativity website under Parish Council.
7. Bob reviewed the proposed PC programs for the year 2015-16. These also are posted on the Nativity website under Parish Council.
8. Fr. Ron Sajdak
 - a. Fr. Ron asked for suggestions for a parish welcome for Fr. Mark and Fr. Daniel. Ideas were discussed; Amy and Chrissy will follow-up.
 - b. Fr. Ron is in agreement with the four priority areas designated in the council's strategic plan: Evangelization, Outreach, Education, Family Faith Formation
 - c. Hospitality is important - - it's a great tool for evangelization and outreach; preaching and worship are also very important, especially at weekend Masses.
 - d. Discussed briefly the book Rebuilt which tells the story of the transformation of a Baltimore parish. Some have read the book; it was agreed that other members would read.
9. Progress Reports:
 - a. Communications & Technology:
 - i. Communications: Parish Survey – focus groups postponed to allow time for the new pastoral team to get acclimated to the parish. Will include questions related to the school strategic plan in the survey.
 - ii. Technology: starting to interview key stakeholders (Janet Paul, Carolyn Kraus, John Wilde) to identify current status and needs.
 - b. Office of Lifelong Faith Formation and Discipleship: John introduced Meghan Rogers, the new coordinator of Middle School Faith Formation and Youth Ministry. New roles and responsibilities of staff are in place. A new program opportunity FORMED (formed.org) is being reviewed.
 - c. Nativity School strategic planning – Bill Ogilvie gave an update of the process which has just begun with consultant Ken Rogers. Anticipated completion is February/March. Planning committee is in place (Bill Ogilvie, Harold Erbacher, Carolyn Kraus, Courtney Frisch, John Wilde, Bob Poczik, Margaret Cusack and Fr. Ron Sajdak)
 - d. Finance: Rob Fohl will be the PC liaison to the Finance Committee
10. New Business
 - a. Reviewed and discussed a letter/proposal from Dave Rogers regarding changes to the Giving Tree program.
 - b. It was suggested that each month someone volunteer to bring a snack to the meeting - - Michele volunteered for October.

Next meeting: Monday, October 19, 2015. Future meetings: 2015: November 16, 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.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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