

Parish Council Minutes for November 8, 2018

In attendance:

Father Valencheck, Dave Hershberger, Jen Sullivan, Jack McLaughlin, Joan Brownfield, Tiffany Kenny, Don Powers, Chris Baugh, Rocco Galizio, Matt Akers, Brain Doucet and Marcy Smith

Absent:

Mary Pat Doorley and Ryan Rothkopf

Meeting for 9/20/18 were approved and meeting began with Prayer at 7:03pm

PASTOR'S REPORT

In January the staff is going to be meeting to discuss ways of empowering more people to get involved in Parish Life. There are a lot of people that come to our "events" that do not belong to our Parish. What are ways we can get them to stay and become involved?

Collections are down. What the reasons are we can not be sure. The scandal? The Restoration? The stock market?

Bishops are meeting next week about the scandal issue and we are asked to offer up extra prayers and fasting!

Some projects upcoming - lighting in the church is still not complete. Still getting some feedback from the sound system. Z-Hall is also in need of a new sound system and painting.

Julie Billiard School is connecting more with our Parish and including us in their materials.

Let's circle back to Louis McNulty about focusing on a member our Parish and Jen Sullivan will also check on it being on social media.

90th Anniversary of the Parish School is next year!

OLD BUSINESS

Tiffany has been working with Lori Oakes, the school and parish to initiate Months of Giving (not sure what it will be called)! EACH month the school and parish will have a designated charity to give to, a box will be placed in the church vestibule.

Tiffany met with Linda Saliga on the School Advisory Board to look at cleaning up the pre-school.

Nomination forms and Nomination Committee were all discussed! Chris is sending the updated discernment form to Council. The Nomination Committee will be Dave, Mary Pat, Chris, Brian and Rocco. Nomination forms will be in the pews the last 2 weeks of February and the discernment process will begin.

Don and his committee have made a few changes to the By-Laws and when they are finished he will have them posted on the website.

Photo Directory should be finished and ready by the 1st of the year. Jen is going to help Jennifer Jones with the few photos that need scanning. And we have other photos that we are waiting to take to include -i.e. the 90th Anniversary Mass.

NEW BUSINESS

Marcy Smith came to the meeting to discuss a Pot Luck dinner on Saturday January 19th after the 4:30 mass. Chicken and Drinks will be provided. NO cost but we will do a 50/50 raffle to offset the cost of the meat and drinks.

We combined our discussion on Nomination Discernment and Committee together as Old and New Business.

Kathy Holaday will be joining us most likely at our January meeting for an update!

Explorer Day at the school is November 9th. Expecting 21 parents and over 35 children looking at our kindergarten.

BrickLot Bulletin going out next week.

Chez-Del fundraiser was a success raising \$400.00 and the coupon book raised over \$3000.00 for Spectacular.

The theme for the Spectacular is Mardi Gras to be held on March 2, 2019

Catholic Schools week Open House is Sunday, January 27th from 11am-1pm.

Beginning to look at online registration options for late January and a new website for next year.

The school is hosting a canned food drive to benefit the Good Samaritan Hunger Center until November 20th.

The school Christmas program for the odd numbered grades is December 6th at 7pm.

Thank you to Mr. Rose and Miss Weakland for all their efforts in getting our students ready for the matches. The shows will be aired on our local radio stations, and then be archived and podcasted so they can be shared on social media.

The Good News Book Fair just concluded and it was overall a positive event!

Look for order forms coming home for the newly designed spirit wear. Proceeds will be donated to Project Outrun.

PULSE OF THE PARISH

When holding an "event" at our Parish we should be aware of costs that we place on them so they do not exclude anyone. But, also make parishioners know of all the "events" that are free and open to all.

The Good Samaritan Hunger Center is serving more and more and could use more donations. The school mass collection is still going to them.

St. Bernard's now has 24 hour Adoration!

Byrider Hall needs a good cleaning. Marcy Smith is going to organize "the clean up" after the 1st of the year.

Parish Events should be shared with the school in their newsletter.

CLOSING PRAYER AND COMPLINE -8:20PM

NEXT MEETING: December 27th! 6:00PM-

SHORT meeting followed by dinner and Christmas cheer!