

Parish Council Minutes

February 18, 2018

Attending:

Megan Johnson, Tommy Johnson, Larry Bramlage, Tony Hall, Fr. Linh Nguyen, Jean DeBoard, Herb Noll, Michelle Owens, Sam Newcomb, Ken Bohac, Don Dickson, Scott Carter, Chuck Comer

Absent:

Eduardo Lopez, Katherine Coleman, Carrisa Yount, Julian Valdes, Dcn. Dallas Kelly, Katy Prather, Katie Rudolph

I. Opening Prayer

A. Led by Chuck Comer

II. Call to order – Chuck Comer

A. Approval of January Minutes

1. Don Dickson made a motion to approve the January minutes.
2. Tommy Johnson 2nd the motion to approve the January minutes.
3. All approved

B. Sign Parish and School Thank You Notes

1. Linda Berry - for helping with the food at the Heart to Heart event
2. Christine Sw hala (spelling?) - for providing food at the Heart to Heart event
3. Dan Mardell - for organizing the Heart to Heart event

III. New Business

A. Continue Conversation on Church Disconnect - Fr. Linh

1. Lack of communication on future
2. Is there a lot of disjoint within the parish or not?
3. Too many masses - parishioners don't know each other because they get into a routine of attending the same mass; plus there is not a good gathering space.
4. Discussion on the feedback from the survey conducted by Ashley Roundtree; the Executive Committee has received the feedback from the survey.
 - a) Fr. Linh reported that Executive Committee was given the report the previous week (February 10 - February 16) to review and study. They were assigned the task to report back to Fr. Linh at the next meeting.
 - b) It was proposed that perhaps Parish Council should review the survey feedback to see if we can gain any knowledge from it as to whether there is a disjoint within the Parish.
 - c) Question was posed as to why the Parish Council does not receive this information as well.
 - d) It was explained that the 50 page report that the Executive Committee received was more of a general feel for can St. John's raise the money we need to raise. The 50 page report also contains confidential information that only Fr. Linh is able to review regarding potential donors.
 - e) It was determined that Parish Council should receive the information for review as this should be a function of the Parish Council.

- f) Tony Hall made a motion to have the feedback from the survey conducted by Ashley Round Tree, which was provided to the Executive Committee, be provided to the Parish Council for our review.
 - g) Don Dickson 2nd the motion
 - h) All approved
 - i) **ACTION ITEM: Fr. Linh to provide feedback from the survey to Parish Council members for their review.**
5. Additional discussion was held on whether there is a disjoint/disconnect, and various members agreed that there is a disconnect. Some disconnect between the groups that want the new school first vs. a new church first.
 6. Also, a disconnect regarding the future of the parish. Even though the Executive Committee has lots of meetings regarding the future, people that attend the meetings don't always get the same message. So, how do we communicate better on this topic?
 - a) Idea that at least once a month Fr. Linh should make announcement from the altar/pulpit about key points:
 - (1) Pay off the debt
 - (2) Obtain the deed for Cardome
 - (3) Raise money for new school
 - (4) Build the new school
 - (5) What's next?
 - b) Why/how has St. John's come to the conclusion to pick the path we've picked, regarding building the school first?
 - c) Maybe we need to republish the Q&As that Executive Committee has previously published.
 7. This discussion led to the disjoint/disconnect within the Parish Council group itself.
 - a) Various members voiced frustration that they don't understand the purpose of the Parish Council.
 - b) We had 3 goals, are we accomplishing them?
 - c) Should the Parish Council be run as a board? If so, Parish Council members deemed that reviewing a book would not be value added at this time. Parish Council has never requested to see information such as the survey feedback in the past.
 - d) **ACTION ITEM: Place the following topic on the agenda to be discussed at next Parish Council meeting - What is the future of the Parish Council? Board, book club, etc.?**
- B. PC goals for the 2018-2019 year (1) Enhance fellowship, (2) Help improve financial income, and (3) Communicate PC efforts.
1. Fellowship Opportunities – Begins with US!
 - a) Next meeting book reviews for The Noticer by Andy Andrews (Keep review to five minute maximum)
 - (1) Chapter One Review by Katie Rudolph
 - (2) Chapter Two Review by Ken Bohac
 - (3) Chapter Three Review by Don Dickson
 - (4) Chapter Four Review by Chuck Comer

- b) Hand out three copies - Chuck offered for Parish Council to pick up a copy, but none were taken.
- c) **ACTION ITEM: See III.A.7.d) Postpone till next month. Need to discuss whether Parish Council will proceed with book review. Various people voiced that it should not be conducted.**
- 2. Fall Festival potential for Fall 2019 Update – Chuck Comer
 - a) Next Steps/Where do we stand?
 - (1) Conflict with original date chosen (Sept. 20th and 21st) due to Toyota event scheduled for the same weekend.
 - (2) Currently contacting the Cardome Alumni Association to see if they are able to change the date of their scheduled event.
 - (3) **ACTION ITEM: Chuck will provide Finance Council with a proposed budget for the festival.**
 - (4) Raffle ticket purchase has been put on hold at the moment until the date conflict has been resolved.
 - 3. Bulletin Announcements – to be submitted after March meeting (will include Jan., Feb., Mar. meeting bullet points).

IV. Committee Reports: Remember committee reports should be emailed to all PC members for review prior to the monthly meeting. Committee liaisons, please highlight any recent developments, concerns, and/or requests. Please be present to answer and questions.

Refer to Attachment 1 for Committee updates sent *via* email; no new information provided

- A. Cardome LLC: TBD (Father Linh PC Liaison) - no additional update
- B. Facilities: Father Linh/Mr. Mardell (Tony Hall PC Liaison) - no additional update
- C. Finance: Scott Carter (Tommy Johnson PC Liaison)
 - 1. Finance Committee has been unable to meet for a couple months, but they have the first official reports since new part-time accountant was hired.
 - 2. Another meeting will be scheduled soon to put together a 6 month pulse
 - 3. Looks like there was a bump/raise in giving following the Stewardship campaign, but the next meeting should be able to provide official numbers.
 - 4. Concern that as tax time nears, there will be a dip in the amount being tithed.
 - 5. Chris Johnson is the new part-time accountant that works for St. John's 12 hours/week.
 - 6. \$11,000 was donated to the school from Toyota
 - 7. Discussion on how a 5 week month, like January 2019, effects the numbers reported in the bulletin. Also, the numbers reported in the bulletin is a rough estimate based solely on the amount of money collected in the baskets during mass.
- D. Formation: Sam Newcomb (Julian Valdes PC Liaison) - no additional update
- E. Hispanic Committee: Eduardo Lopez (Katie Rudolph PC Liaison) - no additional update
- F. Stewardship: Michelle Owens (Larry Bramlage PC Liaison) - no additional update
- G. Steering Committee: Ken Bohac (Ken Bohac PC Liaison) - no additional update
- H. School Board: Carissa Yount (Jean Deboard PC Liaison) - no additional update
- I. Worship: Dcn Dallas (Don Dickson PC Liaison) - no additional update
- J. Welcoming Committee: Herb Noll (Chuck Comer PC Liaison) - no additional update
- K. Youth Ministry: Katherine Coleman (Katy Prather PC Liaison) - no additional update

V. Unfinished Business

A. Bingo held a meeting last month

1. Brent Mayer is redoing the paperwork to make things simpler for volunteering.
2. Bingo is still looking for more volunteers to come out and help
3. **ACTION ITEM: Asking that people on each committee get volunteers to help with Bingo**

VI. Closing Prayer

A. Led by Ken Bohac

Next Meeting Monday, March 18th at 6:30pm.

Attachment 1 - Committee Minutes via email

Facilities - no email

Finance - no email

Formation – Sam Newcomb

No formation meeting last month.

Baptismal Prep – Jennifer Allen reports that for 2018 there were 20-30 baptisms, excluding the Hispanic community.

Upcoming events:

A book study led by Anne Dadds will be held Wednesday evening, February 27, at 6:30pm at St. John Church. The book in question will be Matthew Kelly's The Greatest Lie in the History of Christianity which was handed out at the Christmas Masses.

Hands of Mary – Barbara Strippelhoff reports the Lenten Mission will be held at St. John Church March 17-20 at 6:30pm (dates in the bulletin are incorrect). The topic will be Holy Eucharist and Adoration. Sunday and Monday Dr. Michael Quigley will give two parts of a presentation. Tuesday Deacon Ramon will give a presentation in Spanish. On Wednesday there will be a bilingual Mass.

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Hispanic - no email

Stewardship – Michele Owens

Stewardship Committee Meeting

This is a synopsis from the January 24, 2019, Stewardship Meeting.

Reviewed the completed lists James Drummond compiled from this year's stewardship campaign.

Next Steps:

Michele will send an email with the list to the Ministry/Committee Chairperson. The email will instruct the chairperson to contact individuals, inviting them to the next meeting/training. The chairperson will also be asked to confirm completion by returning an updated contact list of their ministry/committee participants to Michele and Larry.

Larry will send a follow-up email in 2 ½ - 3 weeks following the initial email.

At the next meeting we will assign a Stewardship Committee member to follow-up with those Ministry/Committee Chairpersons who have not responded.

Larry is going to continue writing the articles for the church bulletin.

The next Stewardship meeting will be held Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the undercroft.

Steering - no email

School Board - Carissa Yount

January School Board:

Enrollment- Handout was passed out. Total students- 157, K-8 kids are 132, 25 kids in Preschool/PreK. We are still almost 4 above budgeted amount.

New Enrollment Committee with new members formed.

Our preschool will be receiving a STARS 3 rating.

Open house is coming up 1/27/2019. There has been a personal invite sent to preschool families to have a meet and greet with Ms. Graves.

Worship - Dcn. Dallas Kelley

worship did not meet

Welcoming - no email

Youth Ministry - no email