

Parish Council Minutes- preliminary: subject to approval by the attending council members

Meeting January 8, 2019

Sandy Franco convened the meeting at 7:15 pm

1. The opening Prayer was led by Sandy Franco
1. Quorum: Yes: Janet Nocek, Sandy Franco; Terry Thompson; Brian Wallace; Tonianne Bankoski; Katharine Hunter.; David Berthiaume; Monique Madden;

Also in attendance: Fr. Paul; Deacon Dana Garry; Marilyn McGrath

III. Review of the minutes of the 11/13/2018 meeting. Correct the date of the meeting. Include: The minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting had been approved. One change to the minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup>: In section VII: Add "Diocesan Finance before the word "Office"

1. Old Business: Council members will be speaking at mass the weekend of January 12<sup>th</sup>, to inform parishioners about the parish council's purpose and activities; the speakers will invite parishioners to let us know of any concerns or suggestions and invite them to attend meetings or to join the Parish Council.

Two items were distributed: list of members' terms and the bylaws of the Parish Council.

1. Finance Committee Report – No committee member attended. Fr. Paul reported that a recent unexpected expense is due to the failing of the supporting structure for the church tower. He answered a question that he can approve expenditures up to \$15,000. The Finance Committee approves those up to \$25,000; The Diocesan Finance Office needs to approve larger expenses.
1. Committee Updates:
2. Faith formation: Sandy reported that Confirmation takes place May 10<sup>th</sup>. Laura Burgess reported that there is an intergenerational program, described in the bulletin. First Communion take place May 17<sup>th</sup>. The confirmation class will be taking part in retreats.
3. Ladies Guild no report as Anna Foreman was not able to attend.
4. Youth Group-Sandy reported on the holiday activities: Elf program; candy canes after the evening mass. She noted the upcoming rockathon, escape room evening, Undie Sunday, guided by Sister Ida. Steubenville will happen in July.

The emphasis in on activity that provides social service.

Sandy noted the youth group is "low pressure" and "wants to meet you where you are".

1. Website Committee report: Laura reported no recent updates; Following a concern voiced by a parishioner that they could not find information on a special event, Laura will look into possibly having a banner to put up to post timely announcements. Brian reported that there is an issue with using the website with a mobile device. Laura will look into improving that situation.
2. Rectory Committee- Brian Wallace – no report
3. Liturgical committee: Marilyn McGrath said that the committee is meeting soon and she has not update at this time.

VII. New Business

1. Following a parishioner's suggestion, a light will be replaced as the church sign on Route 66 is difficult to see at night.
2. Feedback regarding renovations: Many have made positive comments, no negative comments were reports; the pews are comfortable, the flooring color and quality is very good; Many are very impressed with the beautiful quilt produced by the evening Quilting group.
3. Development of a parish safety plan – The dioceses does not have a safety plan; the Liturgical committee is looking into safety training possibly with Bob Ziegler. Safety of parishioners and security of the building are to be considered.

VIII. Open discussion

A parishioner had noted to a council member they had difficulty with finding out when the Christmas Eve music program would take place and had asked if the telephone message could have such information. That would not be practical and automated messages would preclude human interaction with someone in need of assistance. An option will be to post most announcements on the website. Father and Laura Burgess will strive to put this in place.

1. The Closing Prayer was led by Laura Burgess

1. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Nocek