

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 15, 2017

In Attendance: Suzanne Schloemann, Judy DeFrank, Carolyn Reardon, Clarence Heller, Mary Vonderheide, Mallory Rush, Nancy Emmel, Jim Schratz, Diana Burnson

Absent: Frank Krebs, Cecelia Andres

Prayer: Mary Vonderheide; Minutes: Diana; Conflict Miner: Mallory

Approval of Minutes from meeting in February : approved, Diana – seconded, Judy

Approval of Agenda for this meeting: approved, Nancy-seconded, Clarence

Goals – Follow-up – Mallory

- 1) Where should the PR Committee focus its efforts this year?

Discussion took place regarding measurable goals for 2017 from the PR Committee. Suzanne will report on this at the next meeting.

- 2) What three events are we going to put time and energy behind?

Need to focus on three events for 2017. Suggestions were:

- Summer bar-b-ques
- Faith on tap-was decided since this was an event to attract Millennials, we would have a pot luck by May to ask them what would be most effective in attracting them to our community.
- PRIDE Parade-last weekend in June
- First Saturdays
- Movie Night on the lawn-still in early stage discussion with a goal of 10 non-members attending
- Franciscan Earth Day- will be a focus for 2018

Bar-b-ques and First Saturday will remain.

- 3) **The Development Committee** is getting up and running. Are we doing a pledge campaign? (If so, this needs to happen very soon.) Are we doing a fundraiser? When, and what will it be? (If we can't make these decisions, what is the timeline to make them?)

A pledge letter will be going out in March via Survey Monkey to all members with the goal of determining both their financial commitment and talent commitment. The only individuals who will have access to the financial data will be Frank and two members of the Finance Committee. Mallory has volunteered to make sure that we don't let the talent commitment fall through the cracks and that those who are willing to help are contacted.

Frank is also going to talk about this in an upcoming homily.

Nancy indicated that the committee had met and was scheduled to meet again in early April. Several members went to Saint Stan's mouse races and discussed the possibility of Sts. Clare and Francis hosting one, since the prep work appeared to be minimal.

Committees: Term limits for chairs – system for changing chairs-this was postponed until the next meeting (Jim and Mallory are going to present recommendations at the next meeting.)

Job Descriptions Update – Job descriptions have been completed for paid staff and will be distributed to members of the Parish Council

Small Groups: Judy DeFrank and Jim Schratz discussed the re-energizing of “small communities of faith.” The plan is that they will be an outcome from our Parish Retreat which is scheduled for September 15 and 16.

Mid-America Diocese Meeting Report – Frank will report on this at the next meeting

Update on Dr Bastani's presentation- Caroline reported that Dr. Bastani will give his presentation before Mass on April 1, at 3:30pm. It has been posted in the bulletin.

Parish Twinning Program –This was moved to the agenda for the next meeting

Summer BBQ's – What months should we have them? Who will coordinate them? This was moved to the agenda for the next meeting