

Minutes from Parish Council Meeting October 18, 2017

Members Excused: Charlie Schoenherr, Nancy Emmel

- The meeting opened with a prayer led by Cecelia Andres.
- Minutes from September meeting approved by Cecelia and Diana
- Agenda for this meeting approved by Clarence and Cecelia
- New PC member commissioning – Clarence explained what happens at Mass for the new members – new members are all called up to the front of the community and a short prayer is said along with the community while holding their hands towards/over the new members
- PC meeting assignments to continue as before with everyone taking a turn taking minutes and giving an opening prayer
- Tithing Grants – the members of the PC voted unanimously to split the unassigned \$1,320.00 equally between the two organizations that tied but will get a final figure from Steve Campbell.
- Update on PC member to replace Mallory – Claire Wiltse has agreed to take Mallory's place with ten months remaining of her duties and Jim will ask her to attend the commissioning.
- Fundraising update – Mouse Races made \$6025.00 compared to the \$5000.00 budget we set. Frank wanted to make sure we told the members of the Mouse Race committee that we are very, very grateful to them for their hard work bringing this all together. Lots of fun had by all especially the kids, so hats off to Mary Vonderheide, Nancy Emmel, Henry Schmidt, and Sue Flanagan and Jim Schratz.
- PC retreat will be held on November 5th from 9 – 4 at 7080 Rivermont Trail, House Springs 63051 (by Rock Haven) and hosted by Sue Self. We will have bagels & coffee at 8:30 followed by an ice breaker to begin at 9:00. Clarence will open the day with a prayer, Mary will give overview of PC members' roles and responsibilities, and Diana to give report on goals from last year. Lunch will be at noon with all members bringing a side dish to go along with the best ribs in town made by Fred Andres. Sue will facilitate discussion among members on goals for coming year and finish at 4:00.
- First Saturday volunteers for coming months are:

November – Mary

January – Judy

April - Sue

December – Diana

March - Cecelia

- Sunday Mass Evaluation – Frank presented summary of evaluation, a power point, and mass head count for 2016 vs 2017. There were 58 total responses out of about 300 on our total contact list, which we all agreed was a good response. Frank requested we are to be especially attentive to the people who do not agree we should have a Sunday mass and their reasons for not wanting it. We also need to pay attention to the 10 people who said that their attendance at one mass rather than the other might affect their attendance at community wide gatherings. Then we all gave our opinions on the subject with 1 person worried about burnout, another concerned with the people who gave NO and MAYBE answers (none of us sure what the reasons were for the maybe). Someone else mentioned their concern over us voting it down because those people will have to find another church. Another person said some of our community are tired of going to both celebrations and the current sacristans said they would not attend on Sundays. Concern that we have enough staff for two liturgies and it was suggested we try being a mission church instead. This led to a discussion on how that might work.

Frank said based on what he was hearing, the yesses and the noes have different criteria and are using different language to describe their reasons.

It was a concern no matter what was decided we need to be united. We decided we would give the community all the information gathered from the evaluation and then ask the question as to whether they wanted the Sunday liturgy to continue by having a “YES or NO” vote. We would continue to have Sunday mass until we received the final vote.

- 2018 Budget (1st draft) need three questions to think about: How do we increase collection revenues? Should we increase salary/stipends? Staff salaries, church rent, and tithing make up more than 90% of our expenses so we should focus on those as we review our budget. Would discuss more at next meeting. Amen