

## **Meeting Minutes-Parish Council Meeting of May 17, 2017**

**Members attending:** Cecilia Andres, Diana Burnson, Judy DeFrank, Clarence Heller, Frank Krebs, Caroline Reardon, Mallory Rusch, Suzanne Schloemann, Jim Schratz, Mary Vonderheide (recording minutes)

**Members excused:** Nancy Emmel

Caroline Reardon called the meeting to order at 6:50.

The group did a “check-in” and all is well.

The opening prayer was let by Cecilia Andres.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting was made by Mary Vonderheide and seconded by Cecilia Andres. The minutes were approved.

A motion to approve the draft agenda was made by Cecilia Andres and seconded by Diana Burnson. The agenda was approved.

Frank presented an update on responses to the Survey Monkey pledge drive. So far 39 households/47 members (35% of membership; 44% of active membership) have pledged \$48,959.00 annually. Talent pledges will be discussed, below.

Frank and Caroline will schedule follow-up calls to those who have not yet responded to the survey. They will be assisted in making those calls by Cecilia and Diana. In addition to asking people to respond to the financial portion of the survey, callers will also ask that people make a pledge of their talents in the volunteer portion of the survey.

Jim Schratz has been monitoring the volunteer responses to the survey and providing that information to Mallory. She will include names of anyone who has expressed an interest in serving in a ministry or on a committee in her upcoming message to committee chairs. The number of volunteers, however, is small to-date.

Mallory’s communication will also convey the Parish Council’s approval of one-year term limits for each committee chair position. In addition, the message will explain the new committee structure which assigns each ministry to one of four ministry teams: governance, liturgy, community service, and justice and names the Parish Council liaisons between the committee and its ministry team.

Jim reported on attendance numbers, demographics and contributions at the new Sunday Mass. So far, we have averaged 17 unique individuals and \$256 collections at the four Masses held. Jim is also collecting various quantitative data elements such as the number of families with children and the number of millennials in attendance at each Sunday Mass. These items will be helpful in assessing the success of the six-month experiment.

Mary Vonderheide gave a brief report on her conversation with the man who ran the St. Stanislaus mouse races. They discussed dates on which he will be available and all Fridays in October appear to be

possibilities if SCF elects to hold this fundraising event. This will be discussed further at the May 24<sup>th</sup> Development Committee meeting.

Clarence stated the purpose of the quarterly financial reports that are to be included in the SCF newsletter. They are intended to ensure that those who might not click on the link in the newsletter showing detailed monthly financials can still get helpful financial information. Mary noted that she will try to include a graphic depiction of some of that data rather than simply reporting columns of numbers.

Mallory reported on planning for a possible Millennial event. She has gotten a good response of interest in gathering with the Parish Council at a weekend event—possibly a pot luck after Mass or a lunch before Mass. The next step is to set a date. She will offer the group some options in mid-July and see which date gets the most positive responses.

Frank reported on the need to name delegates for the Mid-America Diocese. This will not be a time-consuming responsibility, but several names are needed. (SCF can have up to seven delegates.) Several names were offered for this two-year appointment. They will be contacted.

Suzanne reported on the Soul Collage process that is offered by a friend of hers. It is a process of self-discovery that uses imagery and intuition. Images are compiled into a collage and then the group discusses why each image was chosen. It was suggested that this might be a good thing to attempt after the parish renewal in September. Several dates were mentioned for a four-hour workshop on a Saturday. Suzanne will discuss possible dates with her friend.

The group discussed Tom Flanagan's request to show the documentary film "The Brainwashing of My Dad" on a Saturday after Mass. Including food at this showing was recommended because people will probably be hungry after Mass. Tom will be contacted about timing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.