

Parish Council Minutes
February 27, 2019
6:00 p.m.

In attendance: John Raque, Fr. Shayne Duvall, John King, Bill Farmer, Abbie Creed, Joan Raap, Debbie Selby, Sean Baldwin, Susan Bientz, Mark Clements, Jil Tabor, Steve Sternberg, Art Potter, Sharon Roberts, and Anne-Karrick Deetsch.

In addition, Fr. Shayne invited the following parishioners as guests: Allie Raque, Jim Sadlo, Krissie Raque, Cindy Fogle, and Caroline Miller. These guests were asked to listen to the presentation by CLOUT.

1. Fr. Shayne opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The parish council reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and approved them.
3. Fr. Shayne introduced the guest speakers for this meeting: Members of CLOUT: Robert Owens and Sharon Smith.

“Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT) is an organization of religious congregations and groups that work together to solve critical community problems”.

a. Mr. Owen and Ms. Smith spoke about the organization of CLOUT and explained the work this is currently going on and accomplishments done in the past.

b. CLOUT is an ecumenical group that holds large meetings to decide what pressing community issues it can help with. The group holds its meetings and then contacts city officials and meets with them regarding said issues. For example, affordable housing and working to provide services to the elderly are areas of concern for CLOUT.

c. CLOUT has worked on community issues since 1991. Many congregations are members including several Catholic churches.

d. CLOUT has been working on many areas of social justice including enrolling children in the KCHIP program and cleaning up vacant properties. It worked to bring a drug and alcohol treatment program to Louisville Metro Jail. CLOUT has a long list of positive solutions to city problems.

e. Susan Smith and Robert Owens invited St. Raphael to consider joining CLOUT as a member congregation. In addition, they invited those at the meeting to attend the Nehemiah Action Assembly on March 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to see how the CLOUT works. This meeting is a large meeting and is where a lot of work takes place. Also, St. Raphael was invited to attend a rally on March 5.

f. With regard to how CLOUT would work at a parish, Susan Smith explained there would be leaders in the parish who would assemble teams. CLOUT provides training on how to work on community involvements and issues. Also, the team members would attend meetings and workshops. In addition, the parish would provide funding to CLOUT - about \$2,500 a year.

4. **Parish Manager Report:** Debbie Selby reported the Archdiocese is conducting an audit for the parish. The audit will identify areas of concern and make recommendations if necessary.

John Raque will receive a copy of the report. St. Raphael will then respond with how it will address the issues. Debbie will be working on budgeting next. Also, Fish Frys will be taking place soon.

5. School Report:

A. Jill Tabor reported working on the '19-'20 budget and staffing. Regarding enrollment, 30 have registered for the 4's class. So far there are 7 registered for the 3's class. She is hoping for 10. The school will be proceeding with an additional classroom renovations. We are building from the ground up, so the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades are small but we are working on enrollment for all grades. If we stay at 300 students, we will be successful since we are graduating a large 8th grade class.

B. Taste was successful. 8th grade confirmation is coming up. The school families have sold a lot more chances already than last year. The Open House was successful as well with 20 families visiting. Of those, 5 have registered. The 3yr old class will be offered for 5 day and 3 day. Many families asked about a 3 day program.

6. Pastor's Report:

A. Fr. Shayne listed the masses for upcoming Ash Wednesday: 8:15, 12, and 7 pm. As he did with Advent, Fr. Shayne will be doing Lenten videos that will also have some parishioners. Father plans on asking the St. Raphael students to come to Sunday mass instead of giving something up. In addition, he will be asking students whether they attended mass on each Monday of Lent. This will be done anonymously.

B. Father would like to determine the best way to move forward on the parish projects. What to do first? John King gave Finance Council a presentation of the projects being considered. Also, Father would like for Steve McSwain to attend the next meeting to speak to the Parish Council regarding a feasibility campaign.

7. Parish Survey:

A. Sean Baldwin discussed the survey he and Sharon Roberts have been working on. The survey could ask about the list of projects in the church and school.

B. He will be consulting with Jill Tabor with regard to asking the school families. The parishioners could be asked soon.

8. Final Notes:

A. Fr. Shayne is holding a Sports Ministry town hall on March 26 to discuss the direction of sports at St. Raphael.

B. Marty Carraro will hold 6 Saturdays in Lent as in years past.

C. Bill Farmer has the server schedule online.

The next meeting will be tbd.