

Parish Council Minutes
January 22, 2020
6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mark Clements, Sharon Roberts, Abbie Creed, Debbie Selby, John King, Fr. Shayne Duvall, John Raque, Principal Jill Tabor, Art Potter, Susan Bientz, Anne-Karrick Deetsch, Bill Farmer, Morgan Kelte, Ryan Talifarro, Ellen Hauber, Sean Baldwin and Mike Andriole by phone.

John Raque: Welcomed everyone and started the meeting.
Fr. Shayne Duvall led the group in prayer.

School Report:

Jill Tabor:

1. Current enrollment: 311. The school is giving a lot of tours as this is registration time. Open house will be on Sunday, 2/9/20 11:30-1.
2. With regard to the St. Leonard School closing, 11 families have tours scheduled. They are sad. She noted the need for compassion for these families and the need to make sure it will be a good fit for all. St. Leonard Church will remain open. St. Leonard's students could get in-parish rate.
3. The Taste of St. Raphael was a huge success. Lots of work put in. Fund a need is for upgraded class rooms. Do new classrooms in a 3 year period.
4. Next week is National Catholic Schools week. All schools mass at St. Peter. Allie Mooney will be recognized at the mass.
5. 20/21 school calendar is posted. Planning for next year has begun.

Children's Ministry

Brandon Holbrook has begun Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which has been very successful. The school children in preschool – 2nd grade are going once a week in addition to the weekly Sunday program during the 10:30 mass that is offered for children ages 3-6.

Parish Office Update

Debbie Selby:

1. Passed out the 6th month financial reports, ending in 12/31/19. The 6th month report will go out to parish in church, constant contact, back of church, bulletin.
2. Tuition set - 2 and ½% increase for 20/21 school year set at Financial Council yesterday. Better to do a smaller increase each year rather than large increase of 5%. The new rate is right in the middle with schools in our area. Tuition does not include fees. The fees depend on grade in school.

Pastor's Report

1. Capital Campaign: All working hard: It is now in the silent phase. He has had one meeting with the whole committee. Also, they've had major donor meetings. 14 - 15 families contributed. Over \$800,000 pledged. We want to get 100% participation.

Parish has already had one gift of around \$300,000 - a lead gift from one family. Once money comes in, the building committee will get together to prioritize. Year 2022 is the St. Raphael 75th anniversary.

2. CSA: At first the parish would have to continue to meet it's CSA goals. However, the Archbishop called Father Shayne and indicated that St. Raphael will be given a reprieve from CSA for 3 years due to the Capital Campaign.

3. Church security: The bids came in high. The parish office is hoping to get it all installed by the springtime. It will have to be approved by the finance council.

4. Stewardship: Feb 29 will kick off stewardship form distribution. How to move forward on the stewardship renewal process. 915 registered families. Discussed how to increase the amount of members to give of time, talent, treasure. Also, identify those not heard from in 5 years. Who has moved, changed parishes, etc. Not active parishioners. For budget and volunteer purposes we need to know who is on the books. We get money from some who are not on the rolls. We also need to know about those who no longer come.

A discussion was held on what about people who sign up for stewardship and don't get contacted. Father told the chairs they need to contact people who sign up for various committees. Have a table in the back of church to sign up? Or putting a pew card to be turned out. Maybe have someone in the back of church once a month. Father will also explain the benefits of joining the parish: you have a stable home. Get sacraments. Community. Communication. Strengthen Catholic identity. Re-engage parishioners. Reach out to in-between. He also discussed the need to get the school families more engaged in parish life: More than 50% do not come to mass.

Father Shayne announced the parish creating a video to encourage parish participation. Participation is an issue diocese wide. Stewardship is an older term. Generosity is now. Asking people to give generously.

5. Jim Laemmle is chairing a new committee called St. Raphael Angels. This committee will visit those who are homebound and in nursing homes. Please contact Jim with names of those who need an Angel to visit them or if you want to be an Angel to visit others.

6. A lengthy discussion was led by Father Shayne regarding the St. Raphael Picnic: We need new people to step up. The previous chairs have stepped down.

Is the picnic ok: 3 days too much: too many booths? Build community and raise funds. A majority of the committee want to continue with the picnic.

Picnic revenue:

2018: 47,399

2019: 75,972

In 2019, the weather was good, parishioners made the cakes, and more capital prize chances were sold by school families and parishioners alike.

Be realistic and practical. 3 chairs. Karen Frey volunteered to be the booth chair.

Thoughts: 2 nights. Fewer booths. Some like 3 nights. Volunteer problem. We have an opportunity to change the structure of chairing the picnic. Get more people involved. Scale problem: vendors who sit idle? Could we pair with Assumption? No - they declined a few years ago. Fewer booths? Keep rides? Maybe find the replacements but get old chairs to help. Put out that all proceeds from the picnic go to the new classrooms. Make each grade responsible for a booth.

Vote: Go to 2 days: 10 3 days: 5 BUT: The carnival people like 3 nights.

Do we want rides: yes

If we need to have 3 nights to have rides due to contractual agreements with the ride owners , the vote is unanimous for 3 nights.

JRaque: Feb 26 is Ash Wednesday. NO PC meeting. News coming re Feb meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne-Karrick Deetsch
Secretary