

St. Anne's Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Council Members Present: Fr. Matthew Ramsey, Pat Richter, Dale Wing, Armand Thibodeau, Lois Spizawka, Ruxandra Ristea, Jill Koch

Parish Members Present: Tillie Aessie, Margot Taylor, Bridget Koch

1. Opening Prayer – group reflection led by Fr. Matthew
2. Approval of Agenda – Approved
3. Approval of Minutes – Approved
4. Big Picture
 - a. Letter from concerned parishioners
 - i. Fr. Matthew has chosen Fr. Steven Hero from Newman College/Seminary to come to speak to the parish regarding the value of the crucifix in the church. He suggested to use skype to present the talk if there are any time or cost issues. Fr. Matthew will get in touch with Fr. Hero to see if he is available.
Action: Fr. Matthew
 - ii. Bruce met with Margot Taylor regarding some suggestions for parish council. He will report on this meeting to parish council in May.
Action: Bruce Sparling
 - iii. Jerome Chomos and Lois Spizawka will be joining the Crucifix Committee to assist in areas of education and feedback.
 - b. Minutes and pictures posted on parish web page
 - i. Minutes will be sent to council for any corrections. Try to respond within one week after they are sent out so they can be corrected and sent to Darlene to be posted.
 - ii. There are still a few photos of parish council members that need to be taken.
 - c. Governance Structure Chart / List of committees
 - i. Some small corrections have been made. Pat will complete and send out for approval. **Action: Pat Richter**
 - ii. Present Governance Structure Chart list of committees. **Action: Ken Neitz**
 - d. Vision and Values
 - i. We have no feedback yet from BJM regarding the V & V banner.
 - ii. Lois has spoken to BJM regarding making prayer cards. They have agreed to. No feedback on these yet.
 - e. Farewell for Gerry and Sr. Dianne
 - i. Council wants to have an event for the two of them together. Our aim is to have it on June 1st, possibly after the 11am Mass. We will try to have a meal or BBQ hosted by the K of C. It was suggested that a couple people give a small tribute to each of them. Suggestions were a staff representative and

someone from RCIA for Sr. Dianne and a Staff representative and maybe Neil Mooney for Gerry. Give feedback to Fr. Matthew regarding possible gift ideas. **Action: Lois and Armand** will coordinate this event. **Action: Dale** will check with K of C whether they can help with a BBQ

- f. Posting of staff positions
 - i. The application deadline for the staff positions is April 17th. Applications are coming in. It is looking very positive. Patti, Ruxandra, and Fr. Matthew will go through the resumes. Interviews will be done the last week of April, and the last Friday of April all positions will be offered.
 - g. Budget
 - i. A copy of the budget is to be attached to Parish Council Minutes. Bruce will get those to Jill. **Action: Bruce**
 - h. All Souls Day
 - i. A 'thank you' was sent to Jack for all his work on the All Souls Day event. Next year parish would like to try and support Jack more with the event.
 - i. Restorative Justice Survey
 - i. This is not ready to be presented yet.
 - j. Pastoral Council Election Process
 - i. Council feels we need to create and implement a better way to present elections to the parish. It was decided that it would be presented at the Masses. There would be a call for nominations and information in the bulletin on the weekends of April 16th and April 23rd. On April 30th the names of all those nominated would be posted and put into the bulletin. A week after (on May 7th) the parish would have the opportunity to vote at Mass. We would have the results available at the 12:30 pm AGM on May 7th.
 - k. Holy Thursday Collection
 - i. Council decided that money raised at the Holy Thursday collection would go towards The Friendship Inn, STR8 Up, and for food and gasoline gift cards at the Parish for those in need.
 - l. The Amazing Parish Conference
 - i. Father Matthew gave an update on the 3 day conference. He said it was a very good conference. He feels it will help to build parish community and help staff to work together. Ruxandra and Fr. Matthew went over the "Big Amazing Goals" sheet and discussed ideas they already have.
5. New Initiatives
- a. Parish Mission
 - i. Some suggestions for Parish Mission speakers were Fr. Gregory Boyle (a priest from L.A. who works with gangs), and Sister Miriam Heidland.
Action: Everyone look up bio on these two possibilities.
 - b. Philippine Community
 - i. **Action: Armand Thibodeau** is still looking for someone.
 - c. New Evangelization Summit

- i. Father Matthew spoke on this event. It is on May 12-13 in Bruno and will have many outstanding Catholic speakers. The parish will invest in some Parish Council members going if they would like.

Action: Everyone let Ruxandra know within 1 week if you would like to go.

6. Parish/Ministries Improvements

a. Meaningful Community

- i. **Action: Armand Thibodeau** will have names at next meeting of people interested in assisting with the social committee.
- ii. Name Tag Sunday –Report was written by Armand, then sent to Pat and parish council for review. It has been posted on the web page.

b. To Encounter Jesus

i. Priority to the weekend

- 1. Still looking for a new Welcoming Coordinator. Suggestions were Ethel Kirsten, Frank Brown, and Nelson Tana.

Action: Father Matthew will pass these names on to the Liturgy Committee.

- 2. It was suggested that we ask for nominations for a youth rep when we hold nominations for other council positions. It was recommended that the person be a minimum of 16 years old.

c. Review from Divine Renovation

- i. Armand presented some samples of “Strength Finder” as examples. There was discussion on how we see and experience the Holy Spirit at St. Anne’s. Things such as musical Adoration and prayer ministry were seen as good avenues for this. We will look into maybe having prayer ministry after mass.
- ii. Discussed how we see St. Anne’s as an ‘inviting church’. Some members felt that it is happening, but that there is room for improvement. It is active in the parish in different ways but just not always obvious.

7. Reports

a. CWL

- i. Tillie Aessie presented the CWL report. It will be posted on the parish website.

8. Action Items Review and reminder that everyone have reports (Sept. 2016-June 2017) done for AGM so Pat can put them on Power Point presentation.

Action: Everyone

9. Closing Prayer – Led by Armand

- 10. Closing prayer for May will be led by Lois Spizawka.