

St. Anne's Parish Council Minutes

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Council Members Present: Fr. Matthew Ramsey, Armand Thibodeau, Lois Spizawka, Bruce Sparling, Wayne Kzyzyk, Pat Richter, Jill Koch, Ruxandra Ristea, Ken Neitz

New Council Members Present: Nicholas Korol, Vanessa Nyssen, Tillie Aessie

1. Opening Prayer – group reflection led by Fr. Matthew
2. Approval of Agenda – no additions
3. Approval of Minutes – 5 (f) Darlene was to send budget out, not Bruce
4. Big Picture
 - a. Letter from concerned parishioners
 - i. Fr. Andrew Schoenberger was contacted by Fr. Matthew and will speak to our parish in the fall (preferably October) regarding the role of the crucifix and the Roman Missal. **Action: Pat** will help to organize this
 - b. Governance Structure Chart List of Committees
 - i. Charts were sent out to all council members and to all contact people for the ministries listed. Ken received 16 e-mails back with small corrections. He was happy to see that people had looked at it and reviewed it.
 - ii. Ken explained the chart to the new council members in attendance. Pat thanked Ken for all the work that he has put into it. It was thought that maybe there could be a strategic planning session in the fall to review the chart again and see what may be needed in the parish
 - c. Vision and Values
 - i. Lois talked to Roberta Ross regarding the banner and prayer card that the parish would like. Roberta mentioned that she has no Graphic Arts class this semester and therefore this cannot be completed until school begins again in September. She may have some ideas to present to us that they have come up with already.
 - d. Farewell for Gerry and Sr. Dianne
 - i. The announcement for this has been put into the bulletin. The event will take place on June 10th after the 5pm Mass. It will begin with a meet-and-greet and then at approximately 6:45pm there will be some speeches. Don Griffith and the Black Mambas have agreed to entertain for about 20-30 minutes.
 - ii. A memory box for each of them will be made. **Action: All** – If anyone has anything to add to the memory box, they can give them to Darlene at the office or to Lois on the evening of the event.
 - iii. Armand checked on the liquor license. We will have wine and beer but we will just use a donation box at the bar. All that is required is a non-sale license. **Action: Lois** will get the license.

- iv. Suggestions for gifts were personalized pottery and plant, an Actify for Sr. Dianne, and a "Fishing Hole" gift card. **Action: Darlene** will purchase the gift card for Actify. We will give Gerry and Sr. Dianne both planters and gift cards.
 - e. Governance Structure Document
 - i. Document was reviewed and sent to council members. Copies were given to all new council members who were in attendance. This will be posted on the website.
 - f. AGM
 - i. Financial report was sent to Pat and presented at the AGM
 - ii. Governance documents and charts were e-mailed to council members and everyone had a chance to ask any questions.
 - g. Signs for church
 - i. Fr. Matthew explained that there has been some confusion for guests in the parish as to which doors to use and where the main entrance of the church is. There have also been issues brought up that there is no significant signage on the exterior of the church that shows we are a 'Catholic' church. The Operations Council has given the okay and there will be signage going above the front and back main entrances that say "St. Anne's Catholic Church". The cost for this is \$1,200 for materials and Sheldon is donating the cost of the labor.
 - ii. It was also mentioned that there will be more signage put up in the interior. There will be a map put up on the emergency exits that give direction to the fire exits, entrances, etc. And maybe even signs to give better direction for the washrooms and offices.
 - h. Ecumenical Representative Request from Diocese
 - i. Our ecumenical contact is Nadine Gartner. Her name will be added to our chart of committees. She has already received some training at an event at the Cathedral earlier this year.
- 5. New Initiatives
 - a. New Evangelization Summit
 - i. Those who attended said that it was a very good event. There were some resources from the Summit that were shown and suggestions were made to look into some of the things presented in these booklets. Two ideas were (1) welcoming and assistance in the parking lot (2) a separate 'children's mass' for young children to take place during Mass time so adults are better able to concentrate during the Mass.
 - ii. Fr. Matthew felt we should have next year's Council elections just before the Summit so that the new members can attend.
 - iii. **Action: Ruxandra** will book the hall for next year's Summit that we will host.
 - b. Parish Mission

- i. Council members had the opportunity to review the names suggested so we could pick a speaker for our next Mission. It was felt we should do a Mission every year instead of every 2 years as we previously thought.
 - ii. Everyone took a vote and the top three choices for speakers were: 1)Fr. Mike Schmitz 2)Sr. Miriam Heidland 3)Fr. Don Calloway
 - iii. **Action: Fr. Matthew** will contact them and see who is available. Council voted to have Fr. Mike Schmitz come in November of 2017 and Sr. Miriam Heidland in 2018.
- c. Philippine Community Gathering Update
 - i. **Action: Armand** will continue to look for an event. He noted that a couple people have shown interest in helping him out.
 - ii. **Action: Fr. Matthew** will appoint Roldan Samela to be a member on council. He has shown great interest in helping in the church.
- d. St. Anne's Feast
 - i. No one has stepped forward to help with this event. We would like to possibly give out ice cream cones again. **Action: Social Committee** will take this on
- e. St. Anne's Parish Pictorial
 - i. Darlene contacted the photographers and the dates have all been confirmed.
 - ii. Darlene put a small article in the bulletin to alert people that the pictorial will be happening.
 - iii. Jill Koch has agreed to coordinate this. She has contacted the photographer and a couple days ago received the information package and posters. **Action: Jill** will put the posters up, have it announced at Mass, and get the on-line booking set up.
 - iv. Ken Neitz and Vanessa Nyssen have offered to help with the pictorial.
- f. Welcome to the Parish Event
 - i. The Welcoming Committee will take care of the delivery of welcome packages to new parish families and to send out letters of welcome.
- g. Handicap Seating
 - i. **Action: Pat** will talk to Sheldon regarding signs to identify handicap seating in the church.
- h. Nominations for Elections
 - i. Nominations were made and listed in the bulletin. Council members found this a successful and effective way to handle the elections.
 - ii. 483 people voted
 - iii. The only concerns were: to try and avoid voting on a long week-end next time because of lower numbers of people at church, to set the dates for elections at the beginning of the year, and to include a list of things to inform people of to include in their bio that they submit to the bulletin and add a photo of each nominee.

6. Parish/Ministries Improvements

a. Meaningful Community

- i. Pentecost/Name Tag Sunday – Jill looked into the price of cupcakes and went with Lawson Safeway. We will receive 700 cupcakes for \$526.87. Jill will pick them up on Saturday at 3pm so they are ready for 5pm Mass. Safeway was very good to deal with and they expressed that if we would like to do this annually to let them know and they will put us into their files.

7. Changing of Members

- a. Pat mentioned that Dorothy Fraser, Jill Koch, and Bruce Sparling will be leaving their positions on council. Everyone feels that council is moving in a great direction forward with the new members.

8. Closing Prayer – Prayer was led by Pat.

- a. Next Meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 and closing prayer will be led by Tillie Aessie.