

Holy Family Parish Council Meeting for September 2017

Present: Jennifer Alwardt, Gina Capellazzi, Bob Frosino, Dale Gargiulo, Doug Larson, Glenn Raymond, Linda Sorbello, Charlene VanSlyke

Absent: Ly Ly Delles, Don Vogler, Fr. Thomas

Guest: Gary Rigoni, Finance

- **Review and Approval of June Minutes:**
 - Bob motioned for June minutes to be approved; Linda seconded the motion. All approved.
- **Welcoming of New Members:** Jenn welcomed our new members to the council: Don Vogler (who was absent), Doug Larson and Charlene VanSlyke
- **Change in Vice-Chair Position:**
 - Jenn informed the Council that Andrew Lucyszyn will not be returning this year.
 - Don Vogler has agreed to take over the vice-chair position.
 - Someone is needed to finish out Andrew's term (two year remaining on term)
- **Old Business: Update on Handicap Door at St. Jude** (update from Linda Sorbello)
 - Parish received two quotes for handicap door at St. Jude. One quote from Rochester Colonial was \$12,058 and the second quote from Alliance Door was \$5,100.
 - Joan Tannous said she would be willing do paper work to apply for a grant to help pay for the project.
 - Parish Council has agreed to proceed with the project and Linda will move forward with contacting Joan and others involved to move forward with it. She will provide update at next meeting.
- **Old Business: Review of Outdoor Mass & Ice Cream/Dessert Social**
 - Mass was very well attended and people really seemed to enjoy the Mass & Ice Cream/Dessert Social (people are asking when the next one will be.)
 - The event did not cost much as LuGia's donated the ice cream, parishioners brought desserts and Knights of Columbus donated money for it.
 - Sound system worked well.
 - Gary Rigoni did say collections were down that weekend though so maybe a better system for collection needs to be done for future outdoor Masses
 - It was recommended to consider doing it either earlier in the summer or in the fall, or earlier in the day because of the heat and sun
- **New Business: Discernment of PC Members**
 - Jen proposed having a meeting to review the bylaws of the Council and have a discernment meeting. The Council decided to hold off on further discussion of this until November.

- **New Business: Financial Update from Gary Rigoni**
 - Gary updated the Council on the parish's year-end financial summary (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017). Information to be shared with parishioners in the coming weeks.
 - Overall, the parish did very well financially for the first year as one parish.
 - Good news: Got some good donations, all facilities are rented, sold Holy Ghost convent and did a good job with parish fundraisers (Next-to-New Sale, Plant Sale, etc.)
 - Bad news: Mass attendance and collections are down.
 - There are around 67 of the 1181 registered families that have stopped contributing to the Parish of the Holy of Family since the change of the Mass schedule in July.
 - Gary also updated Council on the parish capital projects. Parish completed a lot of projects and has a few more projects planned for the end of the year
 - Painting of St. Helen's School building—paint colors have been picked out
 - New sound and AV in St. Jude —working on having it in place by Men's Conference in October
 - New carpet in St. Jude
 - The Finance Committee has made requests for Parish Council
 - Continue with Town Hall Meetings (and possible Ministry Fair with it). Council to come up with date soon for this.
 - Reach out to the people we lost in July 2016 and find out where they went and what would bring them back.

Open Item Discussions

- Fr. Thomas Update:
 - Fr. Thomas will now be leaving the Parish of the Holy Family at the end of October.
 - Fr. Sylvester, Fr. Thomas's replacement from Ghana, will be arriving at the end of Sept. Fr. Thomas will work with Fr. Sylvester to help him get acquainted with the parish before he leaves.
 - A going away party for Fr. Thomas is Sept. 30. Cost is \$15. Cash only.
 - Well project for Fr. Thomas scheduled for spring

Fr. Mike Update

- New financial director for Holy Family/St. Theodore/St. Christopher hired
 - Kathy Osterling
- Fr. Dominic is here
- CMA is coming up soon — Goal is higher than last year
- Funeral ministry working together—still looking for more people
- Sunday Faith Formation starts up Sept. 17. Registrations are up for it
- Twenty-four young people will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November. One of the largest groups from the diocese.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7pm at St. Jude Meeting Room.

Note: This is NOT the second Tuesday of the month—meeting has been changed to third Monday of the month due to Columbus Day and Fr. Mike's schedule. Also, meeting will be a joint meeting with the Finance Committee.