

# **Parish of the Holy Family Parish Council Meeting for November**

**Present:** Jennifer Alwardt, Gina Capellazzi, Ly Ly Delles, Bob Frosino, Dale Gargiulo, Glenn Raymond, Charlene VanSlyke, Don Vogler, Fr. Mike Schramel, Fr. John Vu, Fr. Sylvester Bioh.  
**Absent:** Doug Larson

## **Review and Approval of September and October Minutes**

- Glenn motioned for September and October minutes to be approved; Dale seconded the motion. All approved.

## **Old Business: Update on Handicap Door at St. Jude**

- Linda updated the Council on the status of the handicap door at St. Jude's.
- Joan has contacted several places for the project regarding the finances for the door and someone at the county is going to be researching grants
- Linda will contact local businesses (Wegmans, etc.) to see if they would be willing to contribute to finance the handicap door

## **New Business: Noise in Church**

- Linda mentioned to the Council that recently she has experienced an increased amount of noise before Mass (particularly All Saints Holy Mass at St. Jude).
- The Council briefly discussed that while we want a prayerful environment, we also want our worship sites to be a welcoming place as well.

## **New Business: December Meeting (Jenn)**

- The Council decided to hold its annual Christmas party in place of its December 11 meeting (5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.)
- The Council will bring finger foods; Fr. Mike will handle beverages
- Dale, Charlene and Linda will decorate on Dec. 9
- Jenn will take care of informing ministry chairs and getting it in the bulletin

## **New Business: Disaster Preparedness (Jenn)**

- Jenn, Dale and Tom Entress took a disaster preparedness course through New York State and thought it was a very good course and something that the parish should consider given everything going on in our country.
- The organizers of the course are willing to come to the parish and put on a course.
- Tom Entress brought it up to the men's club at a recent meeting and there was an interest in it from them as well.
- The Council thought it was a great idea and Jenn will look into it for a possible Sunday afternoon in the Spring.

## **New Business: Annual Reports of Ministries (Jenn)**

- The chairs of all the parish ministries sent their reports to the parish council and Jenn compiled them and distributed them to the Council.
- The Council discussed some of the requests of the Parish Council from the ministries' reports.

- Men's Club requested that the Council host a Ministry Fair. Bob suggested that ministries sign-up to have a table throughout the year at any of the social hours at the three worship sites after Mass. Council liked the idea. Bob (with help from Jenn) will work on this and coordinate this with Parish Life.
- Finance Committee requested that the Council host another Town Hall. Council is thinking March/April.
- Jenn will check with Bereavement Group's request of supplying them the book they use (May have already been taken care)
- The Council will keep these requests at hand and will work on them as they see fit.

### **Open Items Discussions**

- LyLy mentioned the success of the monthly Vietnamese Food Sales. Next sale is Nov. 19.

### **Fr. Mike Update**

- Fr. Mike received positive feedback from his recent financial presentations
- We need to continue to share all the positive things going on (faith formation program—more families going to church together; high school youth group—teens going to Mass; Parish of the Holy Family sending largest group of young people from the diocese to National Catholic Youth Conference)
- We need to continue to generate creative ideas/events to bring people in, like outdoor Mass.

### **Next meeting: December 11, 2017**

Parish Council Christmas Party (see notes above)