

Minutes from October 25, 2018

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Meeting began at 6:37 p.m.

I. Present: Deacon John, Tim Yohe, Todd Bircher, RJ Irwin, Ken Amend, Becky Konersmann

II. Opening prayer led by Deacon John

III. Minutes from September meeting approved

IV. Updates from Deacon John:

- Gym air conditioner final cost: \$39,875 (\$25,000 from Archdiocese grant) Old one was 35 years old. AC installation should be finished any day. Waiting for AC rebate.
- Electrician did a walk-through in gym. Fluorescent lights were replaced with LED lights at no cost to church. Waiting on an AmerenUE light rebate, possibly around \$2,200.
- Deacon John presented material in a past, present, and future format.
- The Past: Stewardship Report was passed around for council perusal. The number of people, families, sacraments, and income have all gone up for the year ending June 30, 2018. Parish Council activities and all other committee activities are listed. Yellow sheet gives a detailed breakdown.
- We are in need of a new Parish Activities leader as soon as possible. Many thanks to Cori Nations and her family for their commitment over the past few years.
- Fish fry 2019 will be run with a team of volunteers supported by the guidance of Laura Miller and Nikki Bircher. Discussion of rotating a new leader each year to alleviate the responsibilities.
- Archdiocese sent EXCEL sheet reflecting IC's capital expenditures averaging \$50,000 a year. Capital campaign suggested to help alleviate this financial matter. Intent to grow parish to help increase offertory. Over past 3 months a \$3,000 increase has occurred
- L'Arche letter is discussed. They are seeking to move their office into the annex. This may be feasible, needs to be coordinated. We would love to keep them here on our campus.
- Brief Chamber of Commerce discussion. What fundraisers do we want to be a part of in the future? Green Social mentioned. Discussion of expenses occurred.
- Mass survey with 124 responses. 64% want to keep Mass time at 8:30 a.m. Proposed 8 a.m. was to give more time for extras, processions, blessings, rites, and time with Father Pete. Father Pete has agreed to come early to meet with parishioners.

V. Brochure and Guidebook Updates

- Most of the brochure panels have been submitted. Have two commission write-ups to be completed and submitted. Plans are to send finished document to printer soon.
- Guidebook is in the process of updating. Still asking parishioners to submit new information.

VI. Evangelization Brainstorm

- How to bring back parishioners who used to attend? Invitation to Hospitality Sunday? Invitations to events after Mass coordinated by Welcoming Committee? Book to sign in back of church for deceased and other prayer needs/special intentions? Send cards to the sick all year round rather than just at Christmas time?

VII. Closing prayer led by Deacon John

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted at 1:46 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2018 by Timothy Yohe.

Mission Statement

Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to live His Gospel by answering daily, "Yes, here I am Lord". Strengthened by the sacraments and trusting in God's saving grace, we joyfully commit ourselves to sharing our gifts for the continual renewal of our parish and the Maplewood community.