

Minutes for 4/12

Members in Attendance: Mark Frederick, Shawn Fox, Eric Schrenger, Richard Routt, Kate Temple, Barbara Harbsmeier, Thomas Riordan, Miranda Wantland, Deacon Steven Bowling, Kathy Stivers

Absent Members: Fr. John Schwartzlose, Mike O'Neill, Adrian Warfield, Angela Buckley, Matt Scobee

Richard Routt presented opening prayer.

Shawn Fox provided an update from the Administration Committee. Capital improvements were the topic of the last meeting. Booker Design is looking into providing an informal design proposal for the new land development. Questions still remain with what to do with the "big house." Estimates for renovations are currently being sought to make the house livable. We will most likely take a phased approach to the land development. The first phase may include moving the priests to the "big house" and then a second phase may include building a new rectory facility on the land.

Barbara Harbsmeier provided an update from the Worship Committee. The committee is hard at work behind the scenes to make the Triduum as smooth as possible in Fr. John's absence due to illness. Confirmation will take place on 4/27 and First Communions will be held on 4/22, 4/23, 4/29, and 4/30.

Kathy Stivers revised an update from the School Community. A decision has been reached regarding the cafeteria services provider for the 2017-2018 school year. Overall the decision has been well received. Current cafeteria staff is happy with the decision and all are happy that school lunch costs will remain low.

Mark announced that Jennifer Fetz will be stepping down as Parish Council secretary. Jennifer's replacement was discussed and it was noted that the pastor has selected replacements in the past. A new secretary will need to be selected by August.

Three current Parish Council members, Richard Routt, Kate Temple, and Angela Buckley, will be rolling off of the council at the end of May. Bulletin announcements have been placed seeking new Council members. May is the discernment meeting for new members, and once selected, new members begin their term in June. We will plan for snacks for the discernment meeting via email.

The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing what was discussed during the November Parish Council retreat and what Council members feel should be the goals/purpose of the Council going forward. The following ideas were discussed:

- The Council should advise the pastor on pastoral issues (anything that fulfills the mission of the parish). The Council represents the parish as a whole, not one group in particular.
- We need to do a better job of advertising/promoting open positions on the Council. Possibly having Council members provide testimonies of their experience at mass?
- What is our pastoral plan? We need to develop one in 2017. Possibly use the visioning questionnaire responses from the retreat as a template for the plan.
- Should we be looking forward to year 6 of the strategic plan. The Council should oversee, hold the parish accountable, and modify/revise the strategic plan.
- When the Council makes a decision/recommendation, we need to leave the room on the same page so that we send a consistent message to the parish as a whole.
- What do our meetings look like going forward? How do we make the meetings make us look forward? Miranda suggested that we move the committee reports, which are essentially reports on past decisions, to the end of the meeting so that we spend the majority of our time discussing forward looking issues.
- The Parish Council should be there to remove roadblocks and help new ideas be implemented and new needs be addressed. Two new parish service ideas were suggested. First, Thomas suggested that a group be started to target the spiritual needs of veterans in our community. Second, Miranda suggested ministering to new parents in our community through a meal train as she has seen done in other parishes.

Closing prayer was provided by Deacon Steven.

Next month's prayers will be provided by Mark Frederick (opening) and Miranda Wantland (closing).

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