

MMOC Parish Council Minutes

June 2017

Opening Prayer: Ann Werner

Attendance: Barbara Foley, Sr. Suzanne Giro, Mary Ann Howe, Randy Howe, Amy Kelemen, Claude Leezy, Ed Lewandowski, Michelle Martin, William Peters, Pat Tobin, Bob Salma, and Ann Werner

1. Going over the 2017-2018 Parish Council Calendar

- a. No meeting in July
- b. Please plan ahead and if you can't make one of the dates to please have someone in your commission to fill in for you.
- c. Discussed electronic vs. paper update articles and their timing
- d. Discussed November Meeting 16th vs. 30th. Voted and we will meet on November 30th
- e. Christmas Gathering was discussed and will be on Saturday, December 2nd with spouses.
- f. Nomination process. Please write up a description of your description that will be coming up for election to education those that may be interested in joining Parish Council.

2. Bylaws and Updated Office Procedures

- a. Please look at the office procedures before making a financial request to see the proper timeframe and procedure.
- b. Ann request that we all read the Bylaws and write down any questions we have for the next time we get together.

3. Commission Reports

- a. **Administration & Finance - Claude:** Budget for 2017 – 2018 was approved. Major projects were approved. The first project will be the new digital programmable sign. The contract will be signed on July 1st and will be installed at the end of July. Active Shooter Response DVD and is trying to get ahold of St. Louis County Police to see what they programs they have to offer. He is doing research as to what we could incorporate at Mary Mother.
- b. **Athletic – Bob Salma:** His biggest challenge is to get help. The fields at this time are a real mess. We may have to cancel soccer for this season. We may try to work with Assumption due to our lack of soccer fields.
- c. **Christian Service - William Peters:** Bread for the World was a success. We are working on getting John Wright as a speaker. It will cost \$250 for the speaker. We are waiting to see what dates work best for Mr. Wright. The suggested dates are July 23, August 6, and August 20 from 12:30 to 2:00pm. St. Vincent De Paul no longer under their commission. However, it was discussed among the council that it wasn't possible to separate St. Vincent De Paul from the Christian Service commission since all groups should held under a commission.
- d. **Health Ministry – Amy Kelemen:** We just held the Garden Tour on June 17 and it was a big success. There were 65 people that attended and we were able to raise about \$1,400 for the church. We will be having Line Dancing on Friday, July 21. On July 7th

OASIS will be giving a presentation about Dairy Foods-Superstars. On August 4th OASIS will be giving a presentation on Stay Regular – The Power of Fiber.

- e. **Evangelization – Michelle Martin:** Would like to do a Card making event possible in August. The cards one for Parish Send a Card (for parishioners or nursing homes), for people who are registered but don't regularly attend, and one to take home. New parishioner event will consider August or September.
- f. **Liturgy – Randy Howe:** Consider each commission bring a gift that represents their commission. If the new priest is available we will try to have a parish social on July 8th. Pat Tobin from Social commission and Randy Howe will coordinate.
- g. **Liturgy – Maryann Howe:** Last night was the workshop and 50 people attended. Suggested that we all wear name tags since we are having a new priest. It's about \$50 per 100 name tags. Social commission mentioned she may be able to get some donated. If Fr. Chuck agrees we will ask him to make a pulpit announcement. Also, in the last year we are trying to keep track of the people who don't show up to be an eucharistic minister.
- h. **Social – Pat Tobin:** Not aware on any social event other than the Car Show. There will be a meeting on July 18th to discuss the Car Shows details. Also, the welcome party for Fr. Chuck. Someone contacted her about having an art fair. The lady who made the suggestion is looking into it and seeing what the general interest will be. She is going to look into different ways we can outreach to each other like by getting Parish news events out on Facebook or other vehicles like that.
- i. **Christian Formation – Suzanna Giro:** Saturday Night Live had 50 people attend and left behind a lot of positive comments on the feedback forms. Judy will be presenting again on July 15th at the next Saturday Night Live event.
- j. **Religious Education – Ed Lewandowski:** Registrations are still coming in. We usually have about 150 in PSR. He will have final numbers by August. There are currently 55 in Vacation Bible School.

NOTE: After the meeting it was brought to our attention that an additional item needed to be added to the Evangelization report. There was an ambassador meeting at church on June 7th. Seven people attended. That included one new ambassador, Amy Selzer, a PSR parent. There are 3 new ambassadors now which is great. One is PSR teacher Roni Vetter who will do this for the summer and the other is another PSR mom, Erin LiCavoli. Bill Peters dropped this service while he is on the parish council. Attendance for this meeting was low; I was hoping to attract people who would join us in our mission of welcoming new parishioners. This meeting was advertised in the Update and announced from the pulpit. However, Linda Licata missed my note about putting it in the bulletin. Still, we had an excellent meeting and learned some history of our group's origin. There are currently 19 wonderful ambassadors at Mary Mother who greet new parishioners and give them a tour and the gift from the parish. It looks like 1 or 2 new registrations per month at MM.