

MMOC Parish Council Minutes – August 24, 2017

Attendance: Ann Werner, Barb Foley, Pat Tobin, Mary Ann Howe, Randy Howe, Amy Kelemen, Claude Leezy, Ed Lewandowski, Bob Slama, Mary Galaske, Michelle Martin, Mary Factor, Fr. Chuck Barthel, and Melissa Lavallee

1. **Opening Prayer** – Ann Werner
2. **Listening Sessions** – Fr. Chuck Barthel
 - a. Looked at/studied data from the sessions
 - i. Noticings
 1. Most was positive feedback
 2. “We are missing the young families at mass” – very commonly stated
 - ii. Looked at some Parish numbers:
 1. 55% of our parish makes contributions
 2. 94% of our parish are registered as baptized Catholics
 3. When we looked at the age of registered Parishioners the “young people” we are wanting to see at mass don’t necessarily live in our parish at the moment. (It’s not that they don’t attend.)
 - a. We need to figure out how to communicate this info with the parish
 4. We also need to communicate why we do what we do here at church and stories behind where they came from
 - a. There’s been a lot of change in the parish over the years
 - iii. Material from listening sessions can be used to look at what we do well and what we can do better as a council and in our commissions
3. **While Father is gone on sabbatical** – Ann Werner
 - a. Father will be gone September 13th through the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week
 - b. The council will look at what surfaced from listening sessions
 - i. What can we work on (deficits)
 - c. We will have guest priests filling in
 - d. There will be no Friday 6:30 AM masses while Father Chuck is gone
 - e. We will either postpone the Athletic mass/bonfire/hayride or invite people to the 4:30 mass at MMOC and have the hayride/bonfire/hot dogs at the field afterward
 - i. November 11 is the projected date
 - f. The council/parish will run per usual
4. **2018/2019 Parish Council Elections** – Barb Foley
 - a. Barb explained her process for the future elections to the council
 - b. Will establish a committee, hold committee meetings, make announcements
 - c. Nomination weekends are in February
 - d. Elections will be in mid-March

- e. We need to make sure the results are in the update
 - i. Maybe include a save the date

5. Fundraiser – Randy Howe

- a. We are selling St. John's booster cards for \$20
 - i. We get \$10 back for every card sold
 - ii. Cards are being sold in the office and after masses through Labor Day weekend

6. Round table

a. Liturgy – Mary Ann and Randy Howe

- i. Send a card program:
 - 1. Condolence cards, get well cards, etc. are overlapping in a few places
 - 2. This is a great program! It helps former parishioners continue to feel connected

b. Admin/Finance – Claude Leezy

- i. Sign out front is up!
- ii. Concrete work is finished
- iii. Next, we will have external security cameras installed
- iv. We are getting bids for intercoms installed and electronic door strikes to allow people to get in after hours
- v. Would like for there to be an accountable staff person in the office while youth is in the office while Father Chuck is gone on leave

c. Evangelization – Michelle Martin

- i. Card making
 - 1. August 25, 2017 – approximately 30 attending
 - 2. Will be sent to Orchid Terrace, new parishioners, etc.
 - 3. Will hopefully be another date in the future
- ii. Could use a few more ambassadors to greet new parishioners

d. Youth – Mary Galaske

- i. September's spiritual night will be Saint's night - Format TBD.

e. Health – Amy Kelemen

- i. Interest in continuing line dancing classes (Let Amy know if you're interested!)
- ii. Blood drive September 26th from 2-7 in parish hall
- iii. Flu clinic September 17th from 10-12:30 (tentatively)
- iv. Considering looking for drivers to help parishioners who can't drive themselves to mass
- v. Good Samaritan driver
 - 1. We have one person utilizing this right now

f. PSR Update - Ed Lewandowski

- i. Will be up and running in September

- ii. Fr. Chuck will have a listening session with PSR parents
 - g. **Christian Formation** – Ed Lew standing in for Sister Suzanne Giro
 - i. Play performance about Fr. Tolton, the first African American Catholic priest to be ordained in the US
 - 1. Possibly have the first weekend of December or dinner theater in the Spring
 - 2. Let Sister Suzanne know your thoughts on whether or not to do this
 - h. **Athletics** – Bob Slama
 - i. Deacon approved banners for champion teams for last year
 - ii. Need volunteers for the BBQ/Car Show (October 1st)
 - iii. There is difficulty with the transfer of keys for the gym
 - i. **Christian Service** – Mary Factor standing in for Bill Peters
 - i. Petition drive this weekend – asking for people to sign a petition to get a bill on the ballot for better ethics in Missouri Congress
 - ii. Dr. Wright’s talk this past weekend
 - 1. 80 people attended
 - j. **Social** – Pat Tobin
 - i. Pasta dinner – October 8th as
 - 1. Joe Licata’s committee will take care of this
 - ii. Future possible events:
 - 1. Progressive dinner - will look into dates for this
 - 2. Friend mass – October 15th or October 22nd
 - a. Everyone would invite a friend to come to mass with them
 - b. Could have a food truck after 11 am mass
 - 3. The council did not approve the motion to have an art show in the vestibule because it was for personal profit
- 7. Gifts for Father Chuck**
- a. Gifts were given from commissions to welcome Father to our council
- 8. Closing Reading/Prayer** – Ed Lewandowski

Next meeting – September 28, 2017,

Future meeting changes: Nov 30th Meeting (instead of the 4th Thursday), Dec 2nd Christmas Gathering (instead of the 28th meeting)