

# SJN Parish Council Minutes - October 16, 2017

In Attendance: Very Rev. Phillip Pflieger, Tony Rodrigues, Robert Johnston, Anne Fredrick, Mike Miller, Maryann Cerwonka, Frank Grochal, Les Angelia, Linda Nasuti, Miranda Toner.

Guests: Fr. Dunn, Pat Carr, Diane Brown, John Nasuti, Rich Cerwonka, Melanie, Leo.

Our meeting began with prayer by Fr Pflieger.

September minutes were approved by council.

Introduced to the **new Parish Assistant, Michael Rocco**, by Fr Phil Pflieger. He will be responsible as the ministry facilitator. He will be in control of the calendar, in the office part-time, if we need any equipment such as WIFI access, etc. We should contact him for our needs for our ministry. His e-mail is M.Rocco@sjnmtl.org

## Old Business:

1. **Constitution/By Laws Changes:** Approved by Fr. Pflieger as changed and which previously approved by the council. Anne Fredrick asked if they will be on the website Tony Rodrigues said he will provide it to Fr. Pflieger .
2. **Panama Sister Relationship project with SJN:** Tabled for this month.
3. **Updates**
  - a) **Faith in the Future:** No report given tonight Joe Daverso was not present.
  - b) **Youth Ministry:** Melanie reported there was a Youth Kick Off this past weekend with SJN & SIJ (St John Neumann & St Issac Jougues)parishes. There was one and will be other Teen Night Live events. In November there will be an event called Boxes of Joy.
  - c) **Collection Counters:** They got 1 more person to sign up. Mike Rocco will work with them on procedures.
  - d) **Ushers:** deferred
  - e) **Liturgy Committee:** Tony Rodrigues mentioned they had something planned about Fatima around Advent but it did not work out, so there will be a Christmas Novena instead. We are working on having Fr. Jim Grogan to come in February to talk about marriage.

**f) Tuition for a poor child** Bob Johnston had a suggestion that Fr. Colavito said that Holy Cross is the only Catholic High School in the County and I think as a parish we should consider sponsoring a student or two, however we want to do that with the tuition, or a family who cannot afford the that want to send their child to this school. The only other update is the Boscov's event tomorrow.

**g) Altar Rosary** Anne Fredricks reported they are doing linens and flowers. Their November meeting is moved because of the election. December is their Holiday luncheon where they collect gifts to give to charitable organizations.

**h) First Friday get-together/Soup & Stations** Maryann Cerwonka reported 65 people attended, it was a very successful turnout. I talked to Diane, at the rosary rally on Friday night, however, she needs help to take over the 1st Friday event. For Alms, Fasting & Prayer for Lent, I would like to get approved that maybe we can do pizza with our priests/pastor every other week .

**4. H/ML Road Digital Sign:** Proposal -Deferred until decision on about monastery property is decided- no change

**5. Movie Night:** We will have a movie night in November and we'll look into which movie to show. Linda Nasuti mentioned about Formed.org having a selection of movies to choose.

Linda attended the diocesan conference on the new program now being offered in our parish called FORMED.org

It offers many things for groups of all ages on their website, such as:

- Audio talks on many subjects
- Movies: for children and adults  
lives of saints, stories, etc...  
documentaries
- RCIA/ programs that review the Sunday readings  
Adult Faith Formation Opening the Word  
Breaking the Bread  
Sunday by Sunday
- Adult Faith Formation/ Symbolon  
Whole Church Participation Catholicism  
Hearts of Fire  
Forgiven  
Wild Goose

- E Books a variety of subjects

Many of the study programs provide:

- 1 Leadership materials - step-by-step instructions through each program
- 2 Study guide materials are available to print for people who attend or watch the program at home.
- 3 Promotional resources for a parish wide study
  - bulletin blurbs
  - flyers
  - posters

These programs can be used at home or shown on the parish's audio/video equipment as a large group activity.

6. **Use of Facilities and Establishment:** Inter-mural Athletic Activities-pending.
7. **Fellowship Sunday:** Was very successful after every Mass, maybe pizza or cheese & crackers at the evening Mass.
8. **Ministry Fair:** Went very well and was very successful there were several sign-ups for different ministries. More organized.
9. **Building Committee:** Mark was not present - no report.
10. **Halloween Youth Event - Trunk or Treat** October 29,2018 2-4 pm. Helen G. has been assisting Mike on this project. It will be advertized and the hay ride is still on.
11. **Parish Survey** - deferred to January 2018
12. **Harvest Dance - Beef & Beer** November 18, 2018 7-10 pm. will put it into the bulletin this week as a reminder to save the date. Get a permit for the liqueur and insurance from the diocese.
13. **Parish Survey:** deferred for this meeting.

#### **New Business**

- Security Plan - woman from SIJ has done a security plan for them Mike will set-up Fr. Pflieger suggested we need to work on the security of the building as well. Mike Rocco said they will be upgrading their security at SIJ.
- Frank Grochal offered to donate two Smart TV's

- SJJ parish council representative was present and mentioned that they were planning for Fr Pflieger's 40th anniversary in a few years.
- Bishop Sheen series - coordinate with Fr. Dunn to moderate it.

Meeting closed with a Prayer by Fr. Dunn at 8:30 PM.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Nasuti