

SJN Parish Council Minutes - Sept 18, 2017

In Attendance: Very Rev Phillip Pflieger, Tony Rodrigues, Joe Daverso, Robert Johnston, Anne Fredrick, Mike Miller, Maryann Cerwonka, Mark Hughson, Frank Grochal, Les Angelia, Linda Nasuti, Al Van Sciver.

Guests: Fr. Dunn, Pat Carr, Pat O'Brien, John Nasuti, Shari Zavodnick, Richard Cerwonka, Melanie Blaszcak, Miranda Toner

Our meeting began with prayer by Fr Pflieger.
July minutes were approved by council.

Old Business:

- 1. Constitution/By Laws Changes:** Tabled until Fr. Pflieger has a chance to review the changes.
- 2. Panama Sister Relationship project with SJN:** Tabled this month. Mike will set up a meeting with Frank, Fr. Pflieger and Mike Miller to determine what will be done. It was suggested by Frank that if we do not work with Panama we should work with another parish in the United States.

3. Updates

a) **Faith in the Future:** report given by Joe Daverso as follows:

Ministry to Hispanics in our Cohort to list where the parishes are in our area, so we will see in our bulletin where these churches are in our area St. Ann's, Browns Mills & Christ the Redeemer, Mt. Holly along with their mass schedules.

Getting the Directors of Religious Education (DRE's) together - Children can attend any classes in their parish or in the cohort and still receive the sacraments at their own parish. However, they would be required to fulfill requirements for the parish where they are attending class. One requirement a parish might have is attendance at a retreat in the event they will not be able to attend at that parish they would be able to go to one of the other parishes and this should fulfill their requirement. One problem that had arisen was some parishes scheduled confirmation at 9th grade or later some do at different times. Where a child is in a parish which confirmation prep is not completed before the sacrament is given in the home parish the child will receive the sacrament in their home parish but then go back to the parish where they were taking classes and finish taking classes. So the DRE's will continue working with one another, coordinate and discuss problems.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) 18 & over a group from St Mary of the Lakes is going to send speakers to cohort parishes on the weekend of 10/21-10/22 to promote YAM. They do something called "Theology on Tap". We should look for area in our parishes where young adults can get involved like parish council, finance committee, and other groups.

b) **Youth Ministry:** Melanie expressed a need of the parents to help. Trying to develop a core of children to help her. Mike Miller suggested to try to reestablish the PCA.

c) **Collection Counters:** It is going good but had some problems with deposit slips. Could always use more people to count.

d) **Ushers:** Melanie suggested to get some of the youth involved. Need some new baskets.

e) **Liturgy Committee:** planning Advent type retreat based on Fatima, Christmas and Lent. Also, looking at this change in Masses and how is that accepted and try to get 1st Friday, 1st Saturday devotions. Pat O'Brien questioned receiving communion under both species, Tony responded that the reason why not is mainly because not enough EM's, but they will take it into consideration to see if it can be added at back all.

f) Other upcoming activities Bob Johnston reported:

Catholic Charities Fundraiser 10/7-10/8
Boscov's 25% off day 10/17
Providence House 10/11

Al Van Sciver mentioned
Rosary Rally 10/1

g) Altar Rosary had their meeting and they are out of money. Rosarians want to do a cake sale for a fundraiser. They will be having their communion breakfast on 10/1.

h) School supplies successful collection it was around 180 bags they went to Catholic Charities, Harrington and other places.

i) Social Activities MaryAnn is resigning as of November from this ministry. She suggested that for soup and stations maybe to do pizza with the pastor on some Fridays instead of soup may to draw the children.

4. **H/ML Road Digital Sign:** Proposal -Deferred until decision on about monastery property is decided
5. **Movie Night:** Will show movie in October. Tony suggested to look in Monitor for ideas.
6. **Use of Facilities and Establishment:** Inter-mural Athletic Activities-pending.
7. **Fellowship Sunday:** 3rd Sunday October 15th same day as Ministry Sunday this month. Altar Rosary will assist with serving at this one.
8. **Ministry Sunday:** October 15 Planning meeting on October 2 at 7 pm.
9. **Parish Administrator:** pending
10. **Building Committee:** Fr. Pflieger said they looking at renovations for SJN enlarging the gathering space, redoing the bathrooms, adding more office space.
11. **Farewell Gathering:** everything went well.
12. **Parish Picnic:** everything went well.
13. **Parish Survey:** deferred to January 2018.

New Business

- Halloween Youth Event Trunk or Treat and a Hayride 10/29 2 to 4 pm
- Harvest Dance/Beef& Beer 11/18 7-10 pm
- Fr Pflieger is looking into hiring a Ministry liaison shortly.

Meeting closed with a Prayer by Fr. Dunn at 8:40 PM.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Nasuti