

Parish Council Meeting
March 3, 2019

In attendance: Fr. Ed, Krissy Olson, Joel Barbel, Carl Wrede, Libby Bullock, Lorelei McDermott, Evelyn Mutzabaugh, Joan Schmitt, Kendra Pollizze, Theresa Drangines, Tommy Carrico, Cheryl Costello

Strategy Prayer: all

Parish Open Forum:

Youth Ministry Position: Agnes Knott + 7 other Branches leaders (Kathy Weiman, Suzanne Moreno, Laura Wiertel, John Connolly, Greg Diblik, Terri Harmon, Clare Connolly)
Youth ministry program: not having someone in the position will really hurt the program. 120 teens in the program 5 years ago 160 now committed to coming 2x a month. These teens participate in the Branches mission trip, service, kiaros, special meetings, etc. Agnes is concerned that without a point person in this position the ball is going to drop and the enthusiasm will dwindle. It already is happening. If u give kids these opportunities for faith they jump at them. This group is here because they want our help and support to keep it going. They are here to say that as a parish we need to commit to finding someone for this role. We need to keep our kids with us in this faith journey. The strength of the program is evident through the kids. The adult leaders need support too. We don't want to loose them. Planning for next year should have already begun. We're not only losing kids but their parents too. Is the position posted or being posted? We can't find someone without advertising. Fr. Ed says he is looking. He thought he had a few people interested but no one has worked out. We have a unique program that involves many aspects of youth ministry. Fr. Ed sees the importance of the program and wants to find a leader. Let's possibly think of someone in the parish. We will post internally and in bulletin and on arch website. In the interim we will try to address some immediate needs and hopefully get some support of the branches parents and leaders to fill the gaps before someone is hired.

Financial Stability: Kent Kirkwood

Has been involved in the parish for 51 years with his wife and participated in a CHIRP weekend and more recently joined a MAC group. At his MAC meeting last month the group as a whole had a discussion about the impact the school has on the parish and it's impact on parish finances at this time. His group was worried about the solvency of the school and whether or not this was sustainable. As a group they are worried about dwindling finances and what our future holds. A suggestion is that we have a personal appeal to each and every parish household to get them to commit to an annual contribution of both time and treasure. Remind our parishioners how many people are involved in various ministries. If we had a more personal contact like a pledge committee maybe it would prompt greater participation on Sunday. Krissy Olson wanted to point out that the school might be a bit of a drain on the parish but it is necessary. Some of the numbers were more budget related and holes were missed by the

business manager. The trend of less families coming to mass and enrolling in school will impact us in the future and effect the sustainability of the school.

New Pastor Update:

Nothing new. Staff has met with a few priests on list who have visited our parish. We will most likely not hear anything until the end of March.

Sharing our Faith:

- AC: done
- New projects: waiting for proposals from engineers and architects

Renew My Church:

Nothing new

Finance Report:

- Might have to do a catch up campaign after Easter.
- Open Positions: How do we assess what we need? We need to define roles. Fr. Ed is waiting on business manager in hopes the plan can be cohesive. Libby & Kathy will work with Agnes on her needs for the Youth Minister position.

Parish Update:

- Anniversary Founder Luncheon: April 7 - next Meeting is March 14. Past pastors will be invited and Fr. Kalas has been invited to celebrate the mass.
- Lent Mission: not doing one this year

Pastors Report:

- Operations Director: interviews tomorrow
- Update on Tabernacle: gathering information and waiting on the plan for the service ramp to the sacristy before any other changes can be made.

Commission Reports:

- ❖ **Worship:** no meeting in Feb - had a day or retreat on Feb 16. Began with morning prayer Brother John Ustus was guest speaker from Viator. Deacon John did the afternoon titled, God calls us to look at ourselves in the mirror or truth. The groups thanked Deacon John for his leadership. It was very worthwhile. Lots of reflection
- ❖ **SAC:** Mary Eileen is returning Mrs. Hart is looking for someone to start school year for her because she will be on maternity leave. St. Emily and St. Zac need new principals. Tuition will have a 3% increase. SRS is not giving the 4th child in family as deep of a discount any longer. The school is possibly moving to no outside food for treats.
- ❖ **Human Concerns:** see attached
- ❖ **Parish Life:** The gala made \$33k. Typically it's closer to \$60k. We need a better auctioneer. Fish Fry's are coming up March 8, 22 and April 12. We're having Irish

dancers to celebrate St. Pat's/Fish Fry season. Talk of possibly bringing back the golf outing. Future events include a Ladies Night Bingo on April 26.

Closing Prayer: all