

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Monday, June 18, 2018 7:00-8:00 PM Parish Hall

Present: Fr. Clement, Tita Gontang, Matt Zoller, Barbara Reed, Claudia Alcantara, Fred Silva, Joe Lynch, Lynn Amaty, Paulette Sammons, Ron Bisson, Tonie Holodick, Tony Terracciano, Gordon Ramey

Guests: Steve Schwartz

Opening Prayer: Fred Silva

Minutes for May meeting: Approved as submitted

PASTORS PERSPECTIVE: Fr. Clement

- An awaited letter from the Bishop has not yet been received regarding the forward movement of the proposed building. Since the news of the Redemptorist Priests leaving the Parish, the congregation is divided and concerned about the future, especially with the new building. More reassurance is necessary to increase donations for the new building.
- A different letter from the Bishop has been received to commemorate the 150th anniversary of our Diocese. A celebration will be held at the Ocean City, Maryland convention center on November 3rd, 2018. It is requested that the Parish send 25 people to the celebration, of which should equally represent all groups and demographics of the Parish (delegate from each ministry, latino representative, youth as merging leaders).

FINANCE COUNCIL PRESENTATION: Steve Schwartz

- Steve presented a budget prepared by the Finance Council that must be submitted by the end of June (end of fiscal year). Mostly everything regarding the Parish finances were positive. Our Lady of Lourdes has a great history of paying all of our debts back on time, giving us a great credit rating. The Parish continuously saves more than spends. The mortgage on the priest's house has \$25,000 remaining, with an interest rate in the 4% range. Weekly income has remained steady recently.

Old Business

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

- Debbie Depta was not available for the meeting. Report postponed.
- Security team: Fred Silva-nothing new to report. Still waiting on information to be received from Michael Connelly, Director of Safe Environments for the Diocese of Wilmington.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- Installation of new Parish Council member and Finance Council members will take place at the 10:00 AM. Mass on July 8th.

CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF FIESTA

- Claudia met with Deacons Jim and Axel. Proposed date is October 6th 2018. A planning meeting will take place before to discuss and prepare details.

New Business

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Tita Gontang

- Standing committees of the Parish Council. Breakdown of committees is listed at the bottom of this meeting summary.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS:

- Cemetery Report- Paulette Sammons- David's Landscape has put rocks along walkways, altar, and living plants. A wiring issue that has caused problems with cemetery's electric has been fixed and electricity has been restored. Rick O'reilly buried a power cable 15 feet below ground to ensure that it will not be disturbed by any future digging. Phillip Signs made a new sign listing the address of the cemetery so as not to confuse our cemetery with the one next door. A new water pump was also installed to water plants.
- Anointing mass on June 2nd had positive feedback.

Closing Prayer: Paulette Sammons

Next Meeting: July 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Parish Hall

2018 Standing Committees of the Parish Council:

Liturgy/Pastoral Care: Tita Gontang, Gordon Ramey, Ron Bisson

Altar Care, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Music Ministry, Pastoral Care, Ushers, Prayer, Shawl

Social Concerns: Joe Lynch, Joe Woodhead, Barbara Reed

St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus, Our Lady's Tears, Right to Life, Hospitality

Parish and Family Life: Deacon Axel, Claudia Alcantara, Fred Silva, Fr. Paul, Matt Zoller

Youth, Singles, Outreach, Hispanic Community

Building, Maintenance, Cemetery: Fr. Clement, Joe Lynch, Paulette Sammons

Hall, Rectory, Chapel, Cemetery

Christian Formation: Debbie Depta, Jessica Selba

Adult Bible Study, Religious Education, RCIA/Sacramental Prep

In addition to the five standing committees:

Ministry calendar-Tony Terraciano, Barbara Reed

Nominating- Matt Zoller, Ron Bisson

Creche-Joe Woodhead, Fred Silva

Public Relations/Website-Fr. Clement, Tony Terraciano

Parish Council Liaisons: Attend at least one meeting during the year. Get to know the programs.

Identify concerns and successes. How can the Council support them? Do a written or verbal report to the Council. (quarterly or yearly?)