

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY- SEPTEMBER 2018

Monday, September 17, 2018

7:00-8:00 PM Parish Hall

Present: Deacon Jim, Tita Gontang, Matt Zoller, Claudia Alcantara, Fred Silva, Joe Lynch, Lynn Amaty, Paulette Sammons, Tonie Holodick, Jessica Selba, Gordon Ramey, Debbie Depta, Ron Bisson

Guests: Bob Gay

Opening Prayer: Tita Gontang

Minutes for August meeting: Approved as submitted

PASTORS PERSPECTIVE:

Fr. Clement and Fr. Paul were not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Standing Committee Report

- Debbie Depta: CCD classes started on September 9th and currently has 212 students enrolled. A big thank you has been extended to those who helped out with student registration during the first week to help eliminate confusion. All classes have a teacher. A meeting with a police officer has not yet taken place to discuss security issues with the church. The confirmation class has a religious retreat during the weekend of November 9th-11th with 53 youth expected to attend. The proposed location will be at Henson Scout Reservation in Sharptown, MD. Which is a Boy Scout camp located on the Marshy Hope Creek. The cost for this trip is \$75 per person. Chaperones will be coming.
- Fred Silva- Security Update: An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) consisting of 17 pages has been written up with the help of Tim Carr, which outlines the safety concerns of the Church. Security meeting will take place to finalize the report which will be presented to Fr. Clement.
- Fred Silva- Master Planning Committee: A meeting with architects took place and made a 1 page list of recommendations for the new building plan. It has been noted that a handicap ramp for the new building ramp is under consideration.
- Pastoral Committee: On October 6th 50 people are expected to take part in a pilgrimage with other parishes. Salisbury has been asked to join and ride together.
- Campaign Kickoff- Master Planning: The kickoff for the building campaign took place on September 9th.
- Claudia Alcantara- Fiesta: 100 people are expected to come so far. Deacon Axle and Claudia will speak to confirmation classes to get volunteers, which will also help them earn community service hours.

NEW BUSINESS

- Guest Presentation- Bob Gay: Fr. Clement has asked a small team to do some research about getting padding or cushions for the pews in the church. 3 local Parishes have already installed cushions. It has been determined that it would be better in the long run to do all the pews at one time to keep the color consistent. The estimated cost of this project is \$15,275. There is no word yet where the financing for this project will come from. A “Plan B” was suggested that baskets of cushions be placed in the church for people to use as needed and that the cushions would be returned to the baskets after mass. This is a significantly less expensive option, especially since the Campaign Kickoff just took place.
- Paulette Sammons-Rib Fundraiser: A local church on Shipley Street recently had an “all you can eat” rib dinner fundraiser that provides more food for less money than the fundraiser that was suggested to the council at a previous meeting.
- We have a new Deacon and want to extend an invitation to him for the next Parish Council Meeting.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS:

- October 6th-Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Peace Shrine
- September Youth Mass will also be a blessing of the CCD classes
- Sesquicentennial Celebration, Ocean City, MD. November 3rd
- Anointing Mass December 1st
- Fiesta: September 30th
- Taste of the World: Jessica Selba & Debbie Depta- January 2019

CLOSING PRAYER: Ron Bisson