

# Parish Council Meeting

## Jan 18, 2016, Parish Hall 7 PM

Present: Fr. Clement, Deacon Jim Mueller, Jean Edwards, Barbara Reed, Rob Donati, Kathy Giannone, Rose Marie Hart, , Sharon Hamblin, Tita Gontang, Jennifer Martinez, Joe Woodhead

Guests: Annette Silva

Absent: Debbie Depta, Lynn Amaty, Fred Silva, Fr. Paul

The meeting was opened by Jean Edwards with prayer by Jennifer Martinez. Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Prayer cards for CCD Students:** Council members distributed prayer cards to the children at the beginning of the CCD classes on December 13 and spent a little time in each classroom.

**Calendar Committee:** The first quarterly meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 2 at 7 PM in the hall. Council members are welcome to attend but it is not required.

**AED** – The Knights will be asked to move one of the AEDs from the church to the hall as soon as possible. Sharon Hamblin will provide some instruction in the next bulletin. Training will be considered next, perhaps beginning with the ushers. Sharon confirmed that she maintains the machines and checks them every month; lithium battery get changed every 5 years.

### **Liaison Reports:**

- **Liturgy:** Plans focus on the upcoming Lenten services. Fr Clement shared the schedule for the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM each Friday during Lent:

<b>Feb 12</b> – Knights	<b>Feb 19</b> – Hospitality
<b>Feb 26</b> – Choir	<b>Mar 4</b> – Pastoral Care/SVdP
<b>Mar 11</b> – Parish Council	<b>Mar 18</b> – Youth Ministry/RCIC
- **Social Concerns:** Ministry Weekends:
  - Deacon Jim presented at the Masses on Jan 16 and 17 – a very brief but informative invitation for more altar servers.
  - The Knights have asked to speak in May
  - There are no other scheduled presentations at this time; this is on the agenda for the Calendar Committee meeting.
  - Fr. Clement reaffirmed that anyone who presents at an OLOL Mass should provide him a copy of their 2-5 minute script before their presentation – at least a few days. Kathy will advise the Knights and Jean will remind everyone at the Calendar Committee meeting of this requirement.
- **Parish and Family Life:** Jean reported for Annette that the first ESL class will begin Thursday, Jan 21. There are 14 registrants and a short waiting list.
- **Building/Property:**
  - Deacon Jim will follow up with fixing the lectern to fit right next to the altar steps. This will free up a little room and also make it safer.
  - There is still concern about the limited space around the Blessed Mother's altar, especially when there is a choir. A recommendation was made to encourage the groups to use the choir loft.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Stations of the Cross:** The Council enthusiastically agreed to conduct the Stations on Friday, Mar 11. Sharon Hamblin has offered to find us a service to use; there are currently printed booklets for three different 30 minute services kept in the Sacristy closet which she might choose or she might find a new version. She will bring details to the February meeting.

**Nominating Committee** --- The Council reviewed the plan for the coming Council elections. Nominating Committee is: Sharon, Fred, and Tita. Three year terms area ending for Barbara Reed, Kathy Giannone and Rob Donati.

- ❖ Presentation 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March
- ❖ Nomination blanks place in pews – 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in April
- ❖ Bios/pictures in bulletin 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April
- ❖ Voting – first weekend in May – ballots placed in pews/collected

**White Crosses on the church lawn:** It was recommended that some weekend, other than Easter, be chosen to place the white crosses in front of the church. Jean and Sharon will discuss further with those individuals involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Reed  
Secretary

January 20, 2016