

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Monday, Jan 15, 2018      7:00 – 8:00 PM      Parish Hall

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Present: Tita Gontang, Deacon Axel, Fr. Paul, Deacon Jim, Jean Edwards, Tonie Holodick, Tony Terracciano, Matt Zoller, Claudia Alcantara, Joe Lynch, Barbara Reed, Jessica Selba, Fred Silva, Joe Woodhead

Absent: Fr. Clement, Lynn Amaty, Debbie Depta

Opening Prayer:                      Deacon Axel  
Minutes for November meeting:      Approved as submitted

### PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE:                      Fr. Paul

- New Building Plans: Several Council members raised questions about the status of the planning, noting that parishioners are still unclear, even with the letter from Fr. Clement in the Dec 16 bulletin:
  - Is SVdP going to have space in the new building for their current operations?
  - Shouldn't we take down the drawings since they still show the priests' residence?
  - Did the Diocese actually tell us what we could build and how much we could spend?

Fr. Paul and Jean provided some information as they understood it but noted that final answers would have to come from Fr. Clement; Jean said the Campaign and Master Planning Committees have both met and are proceeding under the premise that the existing plans, without the priests' residence, remain the vision for the new building. Joe L reported that the Knights have approved a donation of \$80K toward the building.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Tita thanked Fred and Joe for putting up the outdoor Crèche. Also thanks to Tita and others for distributing gifts to the CCD student on Dec 17. Council thanked Tita for hosting a lovely party at her house for the Council on Dec 16.
- Possible Shrove Pancake Dinner, Feb 13, 2018: Some members felt this should be delayed, especially since the KC Mardi Gras event is just the weekend before while others felt we should just do it. If so, there is much planning that needs to be done immediately; ie, tickets, volunteers, buying food/supplies, menu, etc. A suggestion was made that we just meet at IHOP and piggy back on their all you can eat \$3.99 pancake deal. Barbara will check with them to see if they would accommodate OLOL.
- CCD Children Safety: Jessica shared protocol from her school system with Debbie Depta.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Too much chit chat in church, especially at the 5 pm Mass. A number of parishioners have complained; Fr. Paul has even spoken to people but the behavior continues. Suggestions were made:
  - Put a strong reminder in the bulletin; a recent article appeared in the Dialog on Dec 8, 2017 which likened going to some masses is like going to a loud sporting event; the Council agreed an excerpt should be included. Tita will draft this.
  - Other options included:
    - Play canned background music to encourage meditation and quiet time

- Saying the rosary before Mass – recommend that this start with the 5 pm Mass
  - Place a plaque in a prominent place asking for silence upon entering the church.
- Claudia questioned if we could have WI-FI connection in the hall so they could show programs through the internet during their classes. Suggestion was made that DVDs be used instead since OLOL needs to keep its internet service very secure.
- CORRECTION: *Jessica reported that Saint Vincent de Paul distributed 300 Food Lion boxes to children before the Thanksgiving break at a school... 100 meals for families went out for Christmas break - this included turkeys and chickens (Mountaire donated 28 of the boxes) and was an entire meal for families, where the Food Lion boxes were mainly meals for children (They contained mac and cheese and spaghetti, etc) – otherwise many of the children may have gone hungry over the break. She also noted she was fairly certain we gave out almost 100 meals for Thanksgiving as well. The Thanksgiving and the Christmas hand out of turkeys and chicken took place in the church hall and the youth of the parish helped.*

Upcoming Parish/Ministry Events – the Council reviewed current and upcoming events:

- Fred reminded members about March for Life on Jan 19 in Washington, DC
- Calendar Meeting – date to be determined; Lynn has sent out an email to all ministries to determine a date. Barbara and Tony agreed to work with Lynn to plan the meeting AND create/manage a Ministries' Presentation Schedule for 2018.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 19, 2018

Closing Prayer: Claudia Alcantara

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean Edwards, Secretary  
1/28/2018