

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY- OCTOBER 2018

Monday, October 15th, 2018

7:00-8:00 PM

Parish Hall

Attendance: Fr. Clement, Fr. Paul, Deacon Jim, Tita Gontang, Matt Zoller, Barbara Reed, Claudia Alcantara, Joe Lynch, Joe Woodhead, Lynn Amaty, Paulette Sammons, Tonie Holodick, Tony Terracciano

Guest: Clarke Tobin

Opening Prayer: Barbara Reed

Minutes for September meeting: Corrected attendance error and APPROVED

Pastors Perspective: Fr. Clement

Nothing new to report. Knights of Columbus have donated money towards the new building project. In return, the Parish will no longer charge K of C rent for use of Parish facilities. There has been some slight confusion regarding the attendance for the diocese celebration in Ocean City in November. Originally there were not enough people from the Parish willing to go, and then later became too many to go. Issue has been resolved. Father also mentioned that there needs to be more participation from people who work on church ministries, looking to the youth to help continue our Parish.

Guest Speaker: Clarke Tobin

Mr. Tobin came to talk about an upcoming event that benefits the youth confirmation candidates of the Parish. He has been teaching religious education for 12 years and is very in touch with the youth. The location for this "retreat" will be held at the Henson Scout Camp in Sharptown, Maryland on November 10th and 11th. This overnight event is in an ideal location, separating the youth from many distractions, allowing them to leave their comfort zone and be more connected with Christ. There will be separate sleeping arrangements for both girls and boys. Financial aspects were discussed regarding the cost of this event. Since it is a large event, Mr. Tobin made it clear that any assistance from the Finance Council would be appreciated. After this discussion, he elaborated on many of the various activities they youth have done this past year. Such events include kayaking trips, pilgrimages, car washes, Stations of the Cross presentation, and various other activities that bring the youth of the Parish together.

Finance Council Report: Tony T.

Tony handed out a report that outlines the Parish's financial standings. All the information in the report was positive and showed no signs of issues. Tony also added the Finance Council feels well positioned to proceed with the Capital Campaign to improve the parish complex.

Youth Group Update: Matt Z.

Matt passed out a schedule that was made by the Youth Group that outlines this year's past and upcoming events which include car washes, kayak trips, bake sales, a talent show, and many more. They youth plan to have a joint function in January along with Jessica Selba, relating to the upcoming "Taste of the World" event. More information to come.

Fiesta Report: Claudia A. & Tonie H.

The Fiesta was held on September 30th. 190 people were in attendance. There was enough food for everyone, and the event made \$180 more than anticipated. 80% of the attending population was Hispanic, showing a need for more participation from the demographics of the Parish. One suggestion includes that the advertising for this event begin sooner.

Music Ministry Discussion: All

It was noted that a recent mass was a "quiet mass" due to no musicians for that particular service. There is a growing need to have more than 1 or 2 musicians that can be counted on regularly. Since the Youth Group has a talent show planned for the near future, it was noted that any musical talent from this would be welcomed to play music at masses. Participating in the Music Ministry will look good for a resume for any youth.

Cemetery Update: Paulette Sammons

A mass will be held in our cemetery on November 2nd at 9:00 AM. A security light has been added to help alleviate trespassing. The front wall of the cemetery has suffered damage and will need to be repaired.

- Paulette also mentioned that the Parish is selling two books about the history of the Diocese of Wilmington. The cost of these books is \$40 and \$18. The Parish has already bought the books, emphasizing the need to have the books bought by parishioners.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Jim

Adjournment: Next meeting; November 19th @ 7:00 PM Parish Hall