

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Monday, July 16, 2018      7:00-8:00 PM Parish Hall (Kitchen)

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Present: Fr. Clement, Fr. Paul Tita Gontang, Matt Zoller, Claudia Alcantara, Fred Silva, Joe Lynch, Lynn Amaty, Paulette Sammons, Ron Bisson, Tonie Holodick, Tony Terracciano, Debbie Depta,

Opening Prayer: Tony Terracciano

Minutes for June meeting: Approved as submitted

### **New Business**

**PASTORS PERSPECTIVE:**      Fr. Clement

- New Finance Council: First Meeting- Discussion about the new Finance Council's first meeting. The meeting lasted over 2 ½ hours, with Tony Terracciano as the executive. The new finance council is in good hands as all the members have finance experience.
- Rectory Electrical Issues- During the meeting of the new Finance Council, the power in the Rectory went out 5 times as a result of poor and old wiring. Although the extreme heat was partially to blame since the air conditioning units were struggling to keep up, the old and outdated wiring is continuing to be a problem, driving the growing need to complete the new building as fast as possible so the clergy can accomplish their work in a safe and livable environment.
- The New Building- An awaited letter from the diocese about the new building project has still not come in and it has been decided that the plans will move forward without receiving the letter. This is not an issue and the church will move forward with the project with the same perseverance as before.
- Visiting Bishop- A visiting bishop is slated to visit the parish and speak at all masses on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of July. He is from the Washington D.C. area and will be speaking in relations to the collections for missions.

### **Old Business**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

- Lockdown Protocol: Debbie Depta- At the beginning of August, a written recommendation should be received that details some safety measures that can be implemented to ensure the safety of the church, with an emphasis on the CCD program.
  - Vacation Bible School (VBS)- Over 45 children were present for this year's VBS. In addition, there were many youth and adults that volunteered their time to make this year's program a success. Members in our youth group received many community service hours needed for school and confirmation. This event took

many weeks of planning and decorating, at the discretion of Michelle Thomas. After VBS ended, many decorations were donated to Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Seaford to be used for their VBS program since they are using the same theme. During the first Sunday in August, the music ministry for the youth is to play music used during VBS and invite some of the children to sing for the congregation, showing the parish how excited and happy the youth are to be a part of the church and its activities.

- Security Team: Fred Silva- Nothing new to report. First Security Team meeting to take place in the near future. No longer waiting on diocese to give recommendations. Proceeding to make a security plan as soon as possible.
- Committee Assignments: Updates to the standing committee list will be made. As of current, there is no maintenance person for the church. Ron Bisson, who is HVAC certified, has volunteered to help with some, but not all, church issues. Some issues include new leaks in the roof found in the front and the sacristy of the church, plumbing issues, and electrical issues. Volunteers were also asked to help with changing the bulbs and cleaning the lights in the church, which require a tall and heavy ladder.
- Nominating Committee: Matt Zoller- The installation of the new Parish Council and Finance Council members at the 10:00 A.M. mass on July 8<sup>th</sup> was welcomed by the congregation. Thank you to the volunteers who give their time to benefit the church.

#### CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF FIESTA

Claudia Alcantara & Deacon Axel

- A meeting with church and community leaders will take place on July 22 to discuss the Fiesta. The Fiesta organization team needs to find someone who will represent the non-Hispanic community of the church for this planning team. The new date for the Fiesta has been changed to October 7<sup>th</sup> around 3:00 P.M.

#### New Business

##### NEW FUNDRAISING:

Matt Zoller

- Parish member John Decarlo came in contact with Fr. Clement and Matt Zoller about a possible new fundraising idea involving purchasing premade food and selling it for a higher price. At the current time, it was decided that the fundraising idea was not economical for the church. John Decarlo was not present during the time of discussion.

##### BARBEQUE GRILL UPDATE:

Joe Lynch

- There are about 4-5 people interested in purchasing the grill. The price is set around a negotiable \$3,000.

##### SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CONVOCATION:

Fr. Clement

- Fr. Clement is to pick representative from the church for the celebration at the Ocean City Convention Center on November 3, 2018.

CEMETARY UPDATE: Paulette Sammons

- There have been some issues with people placing flowers and decorations on grave sites in sections that do not allow it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Debbie Depta

- Registration for CCD to end on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Classes to start on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Tita Gontang

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

ETCETERA???

- Taste of the World- Jessica Selba is interested in doing it in 2019.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Axel

Next Meeting: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Hallgmail.com