

# Parish Council Meeting

**March 28, 2016, Classroom # 2 Church Basement 7 PM**

Present: Fr. Clement, Fr. Paul, Debbie Depta, Lynn Amaty, Jean Edwards, Barbara Reed, Rob Donati, Kathy Giannone, Tita Gontang, Rose Marie Hart, Fred Silva, Joe Woodhead

Guest: Annette Silva

Absent: Deacon Jim Mueller, Sharon Hamblin, Jennifer Martinez

Opening Prayer: The meeting was opened at 7 PM by Jean Edwards with prayer by Joe Woodhead. January minutes were approved as submitted (there was no February meeting because of snow).

**Old Business:** The following items have been completed.

- ✓ Automated external defibrillator (AED) was installed in parish hall by Knights in February; instructions were provided by Sharon via the Feb 13/14 bulletin
- ✓ Stations of the Cross were led by the Council on March 11; stations selected and produced by Sharon and Jean
- ✓ Council Presentations were made at all Masses on March 12/13 by Fred, Tita, Barbara and Jean
- ✓ White crosses were not placed in front of the church this year on Good Friday upon recommendation of the Council; a more appropriate weekend will be considered through the Liturgy Committee.
- ✓ The extended platform attached to the lectern in front of Mary's altar has been cut off to make the space safer.

**Nominating Committee:** Members include Tita, Sharon & Fred. Nomination forms will be placed in pews the Apr 2/3 weekend and the committee will collect after each Mass. The Committee will contact each nominee to ensure they agree to serve and each nominee will be asked to provide their bio & pic to Jean who will prepare an insert for the bulletin for the third weekend in APRIL. Voting will occur first weekend in MAY (Apr 30/May 1).

**Liaison Reports, if any:**

- ❖ Liturgical – Jean, Fr. Clement
  - Pastoral Care – Anointing Mass is April 24 at 12:30 with light refreshments in the hall after; all were encouraged to attend.
  - Fr. Clement reported changes to our Mass Schedule.
    - Revised summer (Jun – Aug) schedule - Masses at 7, 8:30 and 10 am.
    - First Saturday Mass at 9 am is being restored
    - Eucharistic Adoration is changing from Tuesdays to First Friday; following 9 am Mass until 7 pm.
  - Ushers – training is being planned and then assignments will be made.
- ❖ Christian Formation-Debbie –
  - Easter services went very well; there were two Baptisms and five individuals brought into the Church.
  - Vacation Bible School is being scheduled now.

- ❖ Social Concerns- Kathy –Presentation calendar is set for the year. It was agreed we should send reminders to the Ministries close to their presentation date: Jean will do this and remind them to get their scripts to Fr. Clement
- ❖ Parish/Family Life
  - English as Second Language Classes - Annette – this ministry is going well with an average of 10 -12 students at each weekly session.
- ❖ Hispanic Ministry – Fr. Paul
  - Additional services were successfully conducted during Holy Week for this community.
  - A joint parish event is being planned for June 26 under the leadership of Anthony Policastro. The event, called **Hispanic/English Community Celebration**, is to begin with a bilingual Mass at 4 PM and then follow with a pot luck dinner at 5 pm. 200 tickets will be sold for \$2 each.
- ❖ Building/Property-Fr. Clement
  - A parishioner has asked for the American flag to be placed more prominently in the church but we were reminded that the tabernacle MUST be the focal point.
  - Fr. Clement wants to begin discussion with the Diocese about the need for major improvements to our properties given the: age and condition of the Parish Office (old Rectory); the difficulty for the Priests with their residence being some distance from the Church/Office. The Council unanimously and enthusiastically supported Fr.'s decision to move forward.
- ❖ Outreach Report – Fred/Annette - Fred reported there were five new families and *Welcome Cards* have been sent.
- ❖ Public Relations/Website: Fr. Clement noted a number of PR activities that have been done to promote the Parish's mission to reach out to all.
  - Annette published a welcoming ad in the Star papers inviting "the untethered to come" plus we are now listed in the Church News section; there was some question about re-running Annette's ad and it was decided to re-visit the need after a couple months.
  - An article about OLOL's Knights' Fish dinners and our Stations appeared in the Mar 18, 2016 Dialogue
  - We placed an ad in VFW Convention book which will occur in June.
  - Jean visited the motels to advise them of our new Mass schedule; an email to them with a flyer with the changes will now be sent by the Parish Office.
- ❖ Calendar Committee: Jean – next meeting in May or June.
  - The April calendar was published in the Mar 26/27 bulletin; many ministries provided corrections and the calendar was greatly improved.

### **New Business**

- Chicken BBQ – Fr. Clement asked the Parish Council to form a steering committee to take leadership of the Chicken BBQ for 2016 to unburden the Knights with much of the non-cooking tasks. Barbara Reed, Rose Marie Hart and Annette Silva offered to serve. Jean will coordinate with the Knights in the planning and execution to ensure that it is a Parish RUN and SUPPORTED social event.

**Next Meeting:** April 18, 2016

Jean Edwards

April 4, 2016