

St. Petronille Parish Council Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017

Present: Bob Solak president, Lisa Mojica, vice president, Rita Doyle secretary, Fr. James Dougherty Pastor, Fr. Marcin Michalak Parochial Vicar, Dan Bak, Tim Barder, Lori Carlson, Kathy Driscoll, Tom Koch.

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer. The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room. Opening prayer: L. Carlson.

II. Parishioner Participation. None

III. Approval of Minutes. Minutes of August meeting will be reviewed electronically and acted upon in October.

IV. Special Presentation. None

V. Commission Report highlights, full reports may be viewed in parish office.

A. Education. L. Carlson reported.

1. A meeting of the diocesan technology advisor, the Faith Formation staff and D. Bak will be scheduled to address the F F data collection process.

B. Christian Service. K. Driscoll reported.

C. Worship. T. Koch reported.

1. The Choir will resume singing at Masses in October.

2. Parish received a generous, restricted use bequest made for the repair and maintenance of the organ. Fr. Jim reported that another generous bequest was made to the L.I.F.E. Fund.

3. Three new teen cantors.

4. The commission is considering hosting a Ministry Sunday event to recruit volunteers. No date set.

6. Deacon John is preparing guidelines for ushers.

7. Deacon John will be training Extraordinary Ministers and ushers through November

D. Finance. D. Bak reported.

1. Finance concerns about the Sunday offertory continue.

While revenue declines, expenses continue and Council spent significant time at this and recent meetings discussing what can be done to address the parish's financial situation.

2. The budget is not yet balanced so the Finance Commission has not signed off on it.

4. Fr. Jim will prepare his annual report to the parish.

5. L. Mojica and R. Doyle volunteered to work on presenting the case for increased giving.

VI. Pastor's Report. Fr. Jim reported.

A. The theme of Diocesan Assembly on September 30 will be "Evangelization and the Joy of the Gospel.

B. Priests Convocation October 2-5. Theme will be "Ministering to Young Adults".

C. Securing building exteriors are in final steps.

D. The annual attendance count to be taken in October.

- E. Water quality testing conducted in all buildings. Report to follow.
- F. No action on north parking lot wall till spring.
- G. Building and Grounds Committee is developing list of long and short term projects.
- H. Recommendations from the space study are due next month.

VII. Old Business.

- A. Budget update. See Finance Commission report.

VIII. New Business.

- A. Parish school representative to the Parish Council. Discussion was tabled.

IX. Executive Session. None

X. Closing prayer and Adjournment. Fr. Jim provided the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next meeting October 17, 2017 6:30 p.m. (K. Driscoll opening prater)

Minutes submitted by Rita Doyle