

# St. Petronille Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## January 17, 2017

Present: Bob Solak president, Tim Barder vice president, Rita Doyle secretary, Dan Bak Fr. Jim Dougherty pastor, Lori Carlson, Kathy Driscoll, Joan Mowry. Guest: Kelly Doyle

I. Call to order and Opening Prayer. Called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the council room. K. Driscoll provided the opening prayer.

II. Parishioner Participation. None

III. Approval of minutes. Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

IV. Special Presentation. None

V. Commission Reports

a.) Christian Service. K. Driscoll reported.

- Karen O'Brien recently attended Continuing Education training and is currently working on developing calendar, budget and program goals.
- The Heritage Festival will be on March 12.
- Karen will no longer be responsible for kitchen training.
- Knights of Columbus will donate proceeds from next champagne brunch to the Christian Service Commission.

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b.) Education. L. Carlson reported.

- Problems as well as possible solutions have been identified with Faith Formation tuition billing issues.
- Works of Mercy Week began Jan. 15
- Youth Ministry summer mission trips have been scheduled: National Relief Network June 12-17 and Blackfeet Reservation and De LaSalle School July 10-19.
- Catholic Schools Week will be Jan. 29-Feb. 3. The school will also celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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c.) Worship. J. Mowry reported.

- Proceeds from the December K of C champagne brunch will go to the choir.
- We have a new teen choir member and a new teen cantor.
- Noted that the PLC lobby would benefit from speakers that would allow overflow crowd to hear Mass being celebrated in the PLC.
- Four new young lectors were recently trained and will proclaim at the upcoming Joyful Praise and Sunday Teen Masses. The next training will be in April.

d.) Finance. D. Bak

- December financial statement reviewed. All variances were discussed. No issues or concerns identified.
- December report was positive due to greater than expected Christmas offertory.
- Offertory pledges are up for 2017.

- The finance Committee offered to work with the Faith Formation and bookkeeping offices to address some issues around Faith Formation budget and billing.
- The quarterly financial report for the parish will be posted in an upcoming bulletin.
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VI. Pastor's Report. Fr. Jim reported.

- The goal of the parish staff in this Papal Year of Grace will be to focus on the importance of the sacraments.
- Fr. Joel Rogers of the Fathers of Mercy will lead the parish Mission this year, beginning on March 5.
- Communication teams from West DuPage Deanery will meet in upcoming weeks to discuss collaboration.
- The 2017 parish picnic will be on site and will partner with the kickoff to the school year festivities.
- The parish and the Village are negotiating use of our parking lot for the Taste of Glen Ellyn event.

VII. Old Business. B. Solak reported.

- a.) Building and Grounds Committee Proposed Charter Discussion/Approval.
  - Following discussion about the final draft, the council voted to have B. Solak proceed with recruiting members.
  - Vote on adopting the charter was postponed pending further review.
- b) Boiler. The business manager is getting quotes on repair or replacement of a boiler.

VIII. New Business. B. Solak reported.

- b.) New doors have been installed in the Education Center lobby to conserve energy.
- c.) Fr. Jim will meet with the school board regarding this year's LIFE appeal results.

IX. Executive Session. None

X. Closing Prayer and Adjournment. Fr. Jim led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58p.m.

Next Meeting 6:30 pm, February 21, 2017 (R. Doyle – opening prayer)