

St. Petronille Church

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

1. Call to Order: The regular minutes of the St. Petronille Parish Council called to order at 7:02pm (via Zoom call)
2. Opening Prayer: Offered by Fr. Milota
3. Attendance: Present: Christie Collie—President, Fr. Thomas Milota—Pastor, Joe Dougherty, Maureen Shekleton, Victor Trinkus, Megan Lowrie, Tom Kane, Robert Van Witzenburg, Kimberly Meinhart
Absent: Klovirt Alnar, Molly Hoerster
4. Parishioner Participation* (if any): None
5. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve November 16, 2021 minutes by Megan Lowrie, 2nd by Maureen Shekleton, and all in favor
6. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve January 18, 2022 agenda by Tom Kane, 2nd by Victor Trinkus, and all in favor
7. Commission Reports
 - a. **Finance** (Tom Kane reported): Decided as a committee to submit an abbreviated financial summary with highlights to Council for easier review. All is well financially. Difficult to compare previous year's numbers, due to Covid anomalies (ex. PPP loan).
 - b. **Worship** (Joseph Dougherty reported): Worship Commission met Jan 4, 2022. Highlights include:
 - Christmas Liturgy & Season
 - Attendance impacted by Covid (down from 3 years ago, but up from last year's attendance)
 - Eucharist offered by Father Milota outside after Christmas Mass was well received
 - Volunteers stepped forward and provided Eucharistic minister and Lector coverage for the Masses during the Christmas season

- Music
 - Choir resumed singing on the Feast of Christ the King; Choir sang for Christmas Services; Choir suspended after Christmas due to Covid surge
 - Art & Environment
 - Church looked beautiful with Christmas decorations; Positive feedback from parishioners; Presentations have been completed to worship commission, parish council, capital campaign committee, and the parish on a proposal to enhance and magnify the beauty of St. Petronille's interior
 - Altar Servers
 - Altar Server Training scheduled in February (2/14/22 and 2/28/22)
 - Ushers
 - Initial Increase in the number of volunteers (15) in response to a call for new ushers; Some have dropped out, but there are now enough ushers to begin having them serve on alternate months
- c. **School Board** (Robert VanWitzenburg reported): Met recently for first meeting of the calendar year on Jan 11, 2022. Thankful to all the work by administration for in person classes, despite Covid challenges. Reviewed all safety plans and procedures as a priority. In regards to fundraising, while there will not be an auction, fundraising is being done in smaller, various ways across more groups.
- d. **Religious Education** (Megan Lowrie reported): Met recently on Jan 11, 2022. Highlights include:
- i. Young Adult/Youth Ministry – Carina
 - strong attendance with Theology on Tap/Social Night
 - Teresa, as the new missionary from Catholic Sports, has arrived and begun to help at our parish
 - Flyers to be put out at various locations in our community to bring more awareness to the Young Adult/Youth Ministry
 - Highlighted the upcoming Youth Ministry mission trip in June at Masses Jan 15/16; looking for adult help and encouraging teenagers to attend.
 - ii. Religious Ed - Julie
 - Kathy welcomed as our new Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. She is looking to focus initially on RCIA and lots of positive ideas for other possible events, such as during Lent
 - There have been adjustments for Faith Formation events with eating, etc., due to Covid

- The Faith Formation Board anticipates needing 3-4 new board members, due to the equivalent members rolling off their positions
- e. **Christian Service** (Maureen Shekleton reported): Met recently on Jan 13, 2022. Highlights include:
- Networking and collaborating across different ministries and community organizations
 - Recognized the generosity of parishioners and St. Petronille school children
 - Junior Christian Service commission is being considered
 - Looking to bless and open Mary's Closet by the end of the month
 - Fr. Jesus is cleared to return on Friday. Fr. John and Fr. Milota are doing well
- f. **Parish Life**: No report
8. Pastor's Report:
- Fr. Milota spoke about the Capital Campaign; The Steier Group for feedback on feasibility to help establish a realistic fundraising goal; communication will be sent to about 5,000 households (active and nonactive), seeking input
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9. Pending Business: None
10. New Business:
- a. Victor Trinkus—Senior Survey was waiting for approval. Should be sent out shortly now by eblast, bulletin and physically handing out. Victor will also be addressing the Sudanese community at 1pm this Sunday, January 23rd regarding the Omicron variant and booster shots.
 - b. Christy Collie—Asked members to begin considering return to or roll off of Council after this year
11. Executive Session (if necessary called by Pastor or President): None.
12. Closing Prayer: Offered by Fr. Milota
13. Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Next regular meeting – Tuesday, February 15, 2022

*Parishioners are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and speak during Parishioner Participation