

St. Petronille Church

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

1. Call to Order: The regular minutes of the St. Petronille Parish Council called to order at 7:08 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Offered by Fr. Milota
3. Attendance: Present: Christy Collie—President, Kimberly Meinhart—Vice President, Molly Hoerster—Secretary, Tom Kane (Finance), Joe Dougherty (Worship), Maureen Shekleton (Christian Service), Eileen Buccola (Religious Education), Robert Van Witzenburg (School Board), Victor Trinkus, Klovirt Alnar (Sudanese Community), Fr. Thomas Milota—Pastor
4. Parishioner Participation* (if any): None
5. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve May 17, 2022 minutes by Maureen Shekleton, 2nd by Victor Trinkus, and all in favor
6. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve August 16, 2022 agenda by Robert Van Witzenburg, 2nd by Maureen Shekleton, and all in favor
7. Commission Reports
 - a. **Finance** (Tom Kane reported): Provided following highlights:
 - NO finance meeting during the summer months. Parish is in solid financial standing with a \$272K surplus for school and \$14K for parish
 - b. **Worship** (Joseph Dougherty reported):
 - Pleased to have added new members: Lisa Ayres, overseeing lectors, and Jim Markby, overseeing ushers
 - Increasing recruiting efforts for altar servers
 - John Chereskin moving in fall; replacement has been found to take over scheduling duties
 - Last 2 weeks of October Eucharistic miracle display in PLC
 - Plans to re-establish children's choice
 - c. **School Board** (Robert VanWitzenburg reported):
 - No meeting since May since . First meeting upcoming on Sept. 13

- New principal and VP; very busy getting ready for start of school; much excitement and energy in the air!
- Fully staffed!! Great accomplishment given many vacancies as of end of last school year
- Anticipated enrollment—Just below 500
- d. **Religious Education** (Megan Lowrie reported, with Eileen Buccola in attendance) Meet on Tuesday, August 23, but no new member applications have been received.
- e. **Christian Service** (Maureen Shekleton reported). Will greatly miss Tanya Singh, who has moved to new diocesan position with many accomplishments under her belt!
 - Membership is stable with exception of Jen Bystry because of her new position at Bridge Communities.
 - **GEFP**: new building is not done yet
- f. **Sudanese Service** (Klovirt Alnar absent)
 - Two families, with seven kids each, have joined the Sudanese community Need 20 more chairs! Four families were served this month at Mary's closet. Two upcoming presentation (8/28 on credit reports and 9/11 on immigration support) by Catholic Charities

8. Pastor's Report:

- New theme: service in action
- By-laws: review every two years
- Thanked council members for time and work commitment
- Transitioned our abbreviated PC meeting to the PLC for the Capital Campaign meeting, to be attended by Parish Council, Finance Council, CC committee, and several consultants; Emphasized that CC requires effort of the entire community

9. Pending Business: None

10. New Business: None

11. Executive Session (if necessary called by Pastor or President): None

12. Closing Prayer: Offered by Fr. Milota

13. Adjournment: 7:35 pm

Next regular meeting – Tuesday, September 20, 2022

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