

St. Petronille Church

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

1. Call to Order: The regular minutes of the St. Petronille Parish Council called to order at 7:00 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Offered by Fr. Milota
3. Attendance: Present: Christy Collie—President, Kimberly Meinhart—Vice President, Molly Hoerster—Secretary, Bill O’Brien (substituting for Tom Kane, Finance), Joe Dougherty (Worship), Maureen Shekleton (Christian Service), Eileen Buccola (Religious Education), Robert Van Witzenburg (School Board), Victor Trinkus, Fr. Thomas Milota—Pastor, Fr. Les—Parochial Vicar; Absent: Klovirt Alnar (Sudanese Community), Tom Kane (Finance)
4. Parishioner Participation* (if any): None
5. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Motion to approve August 16, 2022 minutes by Joe Dougherty, 2nd by Eileen Buccola, and all in favor
6. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve September 20, 2022 agenda by Kimberly Meinhart, 2nd by Robert Van Witzenburg, and all in favor
7. Commission Reports
 - a. **Finance** (Bill O’Brien reported): Provided following highlights:
 - Church Sunday YTD collections thru June are under budget by just under \$40K. There was a large anonymous unrestricted donation in June that was recorded as an unrestricted donation, not offertory
 - Holy Day, Christmas (down \$9K), and Easter collections (up \$5K) are under budget thru June by about \$3.6. Easter collections
 - School and pre-school revenue increased substantially (\$108K ahead of budget) from the prior year due to increased enrollment
 - Approval of Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending 6/30/22: Motion to approve by Maureen Shekleton, 2nd by Molly Hoerster, and all in favor
 - b. **Worship** (Joseph Dougherty reported): Highlights from Sept. 6 meeting include:
 - Pleased to have added new members: Lisa Ayres, overseeing lectors, and Jim Markby, overseeing ushers

- Altar servers: Increasing recruiting efforts; possibility of having some of Carina Greco's young adults fill the gap
 - EMHC & Lectors : Attempting to identify inactive EMHCs
 - Adoration: May be able to expand to additional day
 - Confession: May add confession on Sundays prior to 5pm Mass
 - c. **School Board** (Robert VanWitzenburg reported): Highlights from Sept. 13 meeting include:
 - Very positive start to the school year with great energy in the air
 - Heavy attendance at curriculum nights
 - School Board vacancies filled and committee assignments affirmed
 - School Board by-laws and constitution update underway
 - d. **Religious Education** (Eileen Buccola reported) Next meeting scheduled for Sept. 27. Still trying to fill vacancies on Faith Formation board
 - e. **Christian Service** (Maureen Shekleton reported). No September meeting was had due to conflict with Capital Campaign meeting. Next meeting scheduled for October 13. Still recruiting for Tanya's replacement with a few applicants under consideration
 - **Bridge**: Mark Fanning providing coverage
 - **CCW**: Still looking for chair to replace Nell B. Christy suggested tapping preschool moms
 - **GEFP**: Barb Issac representing parish
 - **Mary's Closet**: Cheryl Hinchey and Kathy Driscoll managing
 - **Ministry of Care**: Emily Wilhelm managing homebound Communion program
 - **Sudanese Service** (Klovirt Alnar) No report
8. Pastor's Report:
- Capital Campaign presentation on 9/8/2022 was well attended. Committee revised plans for first phase of the campaign to focus on needed maintenance issues.
 - Campaign involves entire St. Pets community: RE, School, Parish. Letter will be sent mid-October parish-wide. Father Milota will speak at all Oct. 15-16 weekend Masses. Emphasis is on the campaign as sacrifice, sign of gratitude, and thoughtful spiritual venture
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. Les

13. Adjournment: 7:59pm

Next regular meeting – Tuesday, October 18, 2022

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