

St. Petronille Church

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

1. Call to Order: The regular minutes of the St. Petronille Parish Council called to order at 7:03 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Building in Faith prayer
3. Attendance: Present:, Kimberly Meinhart—Vice President, Tim Donohue, Victor Trinkus, Tom Kane (Finance), Eileen Buccola (Religious Education), Maureen Shekleton (Christian Service), Fr. Thomas Milota—Pastor, Fr. Les—Parochial Vicar; Absent: Robert Van Witzenburg (School Board), Klovirt Alnar (Sudanese Community); Christy Collie—President, Molly Hoerster—Secretary, Joe Dougherty (Worship)
4. Parishioner Participation* (if any): None
5. Approval of minutes from last meeting: Pending until next meeting since not a quorum present (Please update St. Petronille’s Feast day to May 31 instead of January 31 shown on last month’s minutes)
6. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve January 17, 2023 agenda by Tim Donahue, 2nd by Maureen Shekleton, and all in favor
7. Commission Reports
 - a. **Finance** (Tom Kane reported): Provided following highlights:
 - Sunday collections little below/behind operating budget
 - School tuition revenue above budget; highest enrollment in years; school closer to budget this year than last year
 - b. **Worship** (Joe Dougherty absent, Fr. Milota reported):
 - Last meeting was focused on planning for Christmas
 - c. **School Board** (Robert Van Witzenburg absent, Fr. Milota reported):
 - Robust discussion on finances during school board meeting
 - To begin the process for hiring a lab teacher and planning for the new STEM lab upgrade, funding from the Capital Campaign
 - d. **Religious Education** (Eileen Buccola reported)
 - Colin Leicht joined Board

- Carina Greico (Young Adult/Youth Ministry Director) has resigned. Fr. Milota reported that he has already received many applicants and is in the interviewing process.
- e. **Christian Service** (Maureen Shekleton reported). Highlights from meeting include:
- Change of leadership occurring at **PADS**, **Bridge**, and **Giving DuPage** – EDs have resigned and replacements being sought
 - Need for services of SVD, GEFP, and GEWIM is increased due to economy; increase in utility and housing costs, price increases for food, gas, etc., extreme cold weather in December, etc.
 - **GEFP**: Receiving increased assistance from Northern IL Food Bank
 - **ESSE**: Opened new site at St. Mark Church in No Aurora in December
 - **PADS**: Still recruiting for CCW Chair and a St. Pet representative
 - **Bridge**: The two St Pet families doing well – one is applying to Habitat for Humanity, and the 8th grade class will be featured in the Annual report to recognize their donations.
 - **Funeral Luncheon**: Will host reception for Carina Greico after 11:30 Mass
 - **MC**: Has been asked to help assist 23 families who lost homes due to fire in W. Chicago. Deacon Peter translated MC assistance request forms into Arabic for the Sudanese Community. MC needs more volunteers also.
 - **Sudanese Service** (Klovirt Alnar absent)
8. Pastor's Report
- Parish to have a communal celebration at the 11:30am Mass for Carina Greico this Sunday, with a reception following.
 - 200 young adults attended the Epiphany Ball.
 - As of today, after paying off the \$400,000 loan, St. Petronille is debt-free, 1st time in 3 years.
9. Pending Business:
- a. **Capital Campaign**
- \$4.4 million pledged to date; still under the goal, more to do
 - Commitment Sunday this weekend
 - Tuckpointing completed for shrine, also the school entrance completed
 - Pews and school windows next
- b. **Centennial Celebration**

- History, Dinner (Formal and Informal), Theme, Events, Papal Bull---more details to be discussed next meeting with more in attendance, especially Parish Council's vision of this celebration and expectations to be brought into focus

10. New Business:

- a. Missing some past updated Parish Council minutes on website; other areas on website have outdated information online as well

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

12. Closing Prayer: Offered by Fr. Les

13. Adjournment: 8:30pm

Next regular meeting – Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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