

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

St. John the Baptist Church & St. Lawrence Church

May 8, 2018 6:30PM Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Father Tom Coyle, Sue Whitsone, Michelle Haffelder, Jacki Haberman, Scott Endl, Catherine Arndt, Lizzett Perez, Nicole Hampton, Gina Gehring

-Opening Prayer

-Buildings & Grounds Committee Report

- Sue's new position with the Department of Justice deals with school safety
 - There are many funds available in the form of grants for school projects that address safety measures on school premises
- The committee submitted another grant request to the diocese for the remodeling of the bathrooms to make them ADA compliant
- The committee is in the process of planning fundraising efforts for future church restoration projects and will present these to the parish

-Finance Committee Report

- The committee has approved the Religious Education budget for the 2018-2019 school year
- The SJB School budget for the 2018-2019 school year is up for approval in June
- Overall, the parish is tracking approximately \$100,000 short for this fiscal year, but we will not have to take from our investments accounts to cover the shortfall
 - Offertory is approximately \$20,000 down
 - SJB Tuition is approximately \$40,000 down
 - Parish expenses are approximately \$40,000 up

-Religious Education Committee Report

- The Fish Fry held in March had many volunteers and was a success
- The XLT Meeting held in March featured the band SONAR and was well-attended by over 200 people
- 216 students in Religious Ed for the 2017-2018 school year
- Goal for the 2018-2019 school year is to hold all Religious Ed classes on Wednesday nights
- The committee is also considering having Adult Catechesis once/month

-Pastoral Committee Report

- No report

-SJB School Report

-Catholic School Accreditation

-2018-2019 school year is a Self-Study year

-Looking to form a committee to do this

-Jacki Haberman has requested that some of the funds she and the school received from her Kohl Teacher Fellowship Award be put towards ESL (English as a Second Language) training for teachers

-Hispanic Community Report

-They will be holding a Taco Sale on 5/27/18 from 11am-3pm as a fundraiser for a seminarian from Columbia who has been training altar servers in the Madison dioceses

-Election Committee Report

-The ballot for this year will have the following parish members listed

-Nicole Hampton (new)

-Theresa Schuette (new)

-Sue Whitstone (reelection/renewal term)

-Gina Gehring (reelection/renewal term)

-Father will make an announcement this weekend that the ballots will be in the bulletin and voting will take place next weekend 5/19-5/20

-Parish members will be instructed to vote for 3

-Church Restoration Committee

-Long-term fundraising efforts must be implemented for future church restoration projects

-The diocese requires a formal fundraising proposal/plan

-Will use the "Priests for Our Future" as an example platform for the fundraising proposal

-The committee will meet on 5/21 to discuss these items further

-Upcoming Meetings

-Parish Council: Tuesday, 7/10/18

-Finance Committee: Monday, 6/4/18

-Religious Education Committee: Tuesday, 8/21/18

-Buildings & Grounds Committee: TBD

-Pastoral Committee: not currently meeting

-Adjournment