

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 27, 2018**

Meeting opened with Evening Prayer.

In Attendance: Dcn Joe Peters, John Tourigny, Sr Ceil, Fr Michael, Sandra Peret, Sr Agnesa Negru FMSA, Virginia Bauch, Paula Piela, Helen Banas, Fr Luis Palacios Rodriguez, Michael Pray, Fr Joe, Samuel Gelinas

Previous minutes review – Accepted with changes. Sr Agnesa Negru was in attendance at the April 9 meeting but inadvertently left off the list of attendees.

**Pastor's Report** - Fr Joe announced upcoming personnel moves for St Stanislaus parish. Fr Joe, Fr Michael, Fr Tomasz, Fr Noel, and Fr Luis are moving to new Parish assignments within the Our Lady of the Angels Province. This was the result of the recent Provincial Chapter Meetings in Buffalo. Brother Michael Duffy will be the only remaining Friar at St Stanislaus until the new priests arrive.

The incoming Pastor had visited the Parish earlier in the day. Two other new priests would be joining Fr Joseph Bayne at St Stanislaus. Announcement to the Parish community will be made shortly pending notification to all affected Bishops.

School hired a new bookkeeper – Cindy Conklin

The Parish has hired a Financial Administrator - Karl Hammond.

Congratulated Fr Luis on his recent ordination and his Mass of Thanksgiving. Fr Joe also commented on the outpouring of love and support the Parish showed to Fr Luis in his ministries at St Stans, his Ordination, and the hospitality the Parish extended to both Fr Luis and his family on their visit to attend his ordination. It spoke very well to Parish Community at large.

Ordination of Friar Chris Dudek – July 7, 2018 11:00 AM

**Parish Council Report** - Upcoming Parish Council year was discussed.

Parish Council Directory draft given to the chairperson for review and completion.

**Financial Report** - Helen gave an update of account balances. Finance committee to meet the same week. School finances are stable.

Dcn Joe discussed capital projects being considered by the Parish including an elevator, school boilers, Friary upgrades, front steps (Basilica), window repairs, security cameras, and the Cemetery Chapel. Projects are being prioritized.

Fr Joe discussed a couple of large monetary gifts to the Parish. He also discussed the importance of end of life planning (funeral Mass, wake, etc...). Paula pointed out the usefulness of putting your wishes in writing.

**Evangelization Committee** - Report was submitted by chairperson (not in attendance). Highlight included welcome Masses / Receptions were appreciated by new Parishioners, considering Epiphany Concert/Reception, and cards to the families of the newly Baptized.

Upcoming for 2018 – 2019: Discussing holding the Ministry Fair in conjunction with the Cultural Fair and completing the Ministry Guide (under review).

**Liturgy & Worship Report** - Work to improve the vestibule will continue.

Lenten Retreats are being planned. Stay tuned for more details.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report** - Work on the Parish History book is continuing. The committee is finalizing the design and final pictures to be used.

**Family & Community Life Report** - Paula Piela is the new chairperson of the Family & Community Life sub-committee.

Discussed upcoming events: Parish Picnic, volunteer opportunities for Confirmation students, Dan Kane Singers.

Discussed a new program aimed at couples: *The Choice Wine*. The program will be starting up in the Fall. Announcements will be made at Mass and in the Bulletin.

*That Man Is You!* will be back for a final year on September 15, 2018 starting at 6:30 AM.

**Education Report** - Sr Ceil discussed Summer School, preschool program, enrollment, and staffing. All are stable and doing well.

Diocese visited the school in May as part of a Diocesan Review effort on all our Catholic Schools. Met with Staff, parents, and the School Board.

Confirmation discussed with St Stans eighth graders. Packets were handed out. New program was selected for the upcoming year (*Chosen*) to align with USCCB list of approved programs.

**Upcoming Events** - Craft Fair being advertised via Facebook and local media outlets.

Parish Council will meet on Mondays for the upcoming year (dates TBD).

**Final Thoughts (Fr Joe)** - Fr Joe expressed his gratitude for the way the Parish embraced him when he arrived and expressed his hope that the new Friars will be equally welcomed. He also expressed that, while priests come and go, it is the Parish Community that is the caretaker of the Church. The participation of our Parishioners in ministry and community life is appreciated and inspiring. His hope is that it will continue to flourish and grow.