

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of June 13, 2017

Attendance: Fr. Leon Susaimanickam, Lisa Anderson, Tom Manning, Kathy Perlitz, Mary Ann Murphy, Sherry Snuffer, Bonnie Benevides,

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Leon began the meeting with an opening prayer.

1. There was no formal Faith formation report.

Confirmation was held May 20, 2017 and First Communion was held May 28, 2017. Both ceremonies were well orchestrated and beautiful.

2. There was no formal property management report.

There are 2 broken windows in the parish center. Tom Manning will contact Lou Cloutier about repairing or replacing the windows. Tom Manning is still working on proposals for construction of a handicapped accessible bathroom on the first floor of the Church.

3. There was no formal Sleigh Bells Ring report.

Sharon Scorso handles the Wednesday workshop, during Dorli Cloutier's absence, which is still meeting each week.

4. There was no formal finance report.

Mike Harney is reviewing income and expense figures and will provide the Council with a report.

5. Miscellaneous issues were also discussed:

Tom Manning is working on fill-out forms for the Bulletin for mass intentions and new parishioner registration.

Based on theological dictates, the Body and Blood of Christ can only be received in the 2 separate species; by receiving the host and by drinking wine from the chalice. The recipient of the host cannot dip the host into the wine. The Church considers this action as "celebrating" Communion, which only a priest can do. Layman can only "participate" in Communion. Fr. Leon will speak to this issue further and it will also be addressed in the bulletin.

Fr. Leon attended a diocesan meeting June 1, 2017 regarding restructuring the diocese. It is anticipated that in 5 years there will be a shortage of priests in the diocese and restructuring of some parishes may be necessary. Fr. Leon will provide more information as it becomes available.

There will be a questionnaire and statistical information mailed to parishioners regarding the formation of commissions and asking for volunteers. It is anticipated that commissions will be formed in September, 2017.

There is an immediate and dire need for altar servers. Anyone interested should contact Fr. Leon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held September 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Anderson, Council Member