

MINUTES OF THE ST. MAURICE PARISH ADVISORY BOARD of January 8, 2019

Attendance: Sharon Scorso, Dorli Cloutier, Lou Cloutier, Amie Tillman, Janusz Herasimowicz, Tom Manning, Anna Czercowy, Bonnie Benevides, Mary Ann Murphy, Richard Carpenter, Wendy Burke

Excused: Fr. Leon Susaimanickam, Anthony Girasoli, Kathy Perlitz, Mike Harney

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Sharon Scorso. Tom Manning opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting were not available.
3. Faith Formation report was given by Amie Tillman:
 - a. There was a Pageant at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, but the participants came from just three families. We hope to broaden participation next year.
 - b. There will be no Youth Mass on Sunday 1/27/2019. Parents are encouraged to participate in the book discussion at 9:00 a.m. that day.
 - c. Confirmation candidates will attend a retreat on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at St. Bernard in Rockville. It will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and include Mass.
 - d. Classes begin again this Sunday 1/13 after the Christmas break.
4. Financial report from Mike Harney by Sharon Scorso for the first 6 months of Fiscal Year 2019: Offertory was lower but there was a slight increase in December, perhaps in response to the appeal from Fr. Leon. Expenses for the period were \$4500 less than the similar period in FY 2018, but we should continue to focus on increasing offertory revenue.
5. Fair Group report by Dorli Cloutier:
 - a. Weekly workshops for 2019 begin on Wednesday 2/6 in the Parish Center.
 - b. Pray that everyone stays healthy.
6. Lou Cloutier reported on Property Management as follows:
 - a. Clerestory windows on the north and south sides will be replaced in the next two weeks. There was a recent leak from the windows above the stove.
 - b. Disposal of water treatment backwash in a septic system will be installed weather permitting. The stepson of a parishioner has given a very reasonable price for this work.
 - c. Clif Scorso is working to fix the second identification sign out front.
 - d. Clif is also installing screens over the window wells for the lower church.
 - e. We are in energy conservation mode. Temperature is being kept low in the buildings. A portable heater in the confessional was left on. Let people know to turn off supplemental heat when it is not needed.
 - f. The church secretary patrols the buildings and lets Lou know of any issues.
7. Miscellaneous items from Tom Manning:
 - a. Insurance certificates and other paperwork for use of the parking lot for overflow parking and a shuttle to the Bolton Road Race on March 10 has been received. This use of facilities was approved at the November meeting.
 - b. St. Maurice is an Amazon Associate. We receive 4% of purchases made through the link on the Other page of our website. Revenue from the first four years amounted to \$475.04. Those who buy online should be encouraged to use the link.

- c. The Cub Scouts have requested that the Blue and Gold Banquet be moved from Friday 4/26 to Saturday 4/27. There will not be much interference with the Vigil Mass, but parents have been requested to park in the side lot to minimize any crossing pedestrian traffic.
 - d. The Cub Scouts have also requested use of the Parish Center for the District Pinewood Derby on a Saturday in March. This event could be more of a problem. [After the meeting it was reported that another venue had been made available.]
8. Pot Luck dinners have not been banned. However, food must be identified as “home-cooked” per Mary Ann Murphy. Our Winter Festival Pot Luck Dinner will be held on 1/26/2019 after the Vigil Mass. The snow date is 2/2.
 9. Rich Carpenter reported on activities sponsored by the Biblical Commission:
 - a. Presentation on Wednesday 1/9 by Fr. Leon of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
 - b. Bible Study regarding the Book of Genesis presented by Fr. Leon beginning Wednesday 1/16 and continuing every other week.
 - c. Discussion of the book by Matt Kelley *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* on Sunday 1/27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. Parents are encouraged to participate while their children are in Faith Formation classes.
 10. As the number of activities increases, greater coordination is required. Before setting a date, please consult the Master Calendar kept by our church secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 12, 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Manning, Council Member