

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2019
Selinger Hospitality Center

Attendees: Kyle Shimmens, Terri Haake, Jeff Luebbert, Doug Otto, Diane Struemph, Lesha Neidert, Brad Shimmens, Andy Rackers, Michelle Truesdale, Fr. Jeremy Secrist

Absent: Gayle Trachsel, TJ Ralston

Opening Prayer: Fr. Secrist opened the meeting with a reading and on the Feast of St. John the Baptist and a prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- Enrique Castro, parishioner and Hispanic Ministry coordinator for the Diocese has been called by Bishop McKnight to become a permanent deacon. His ordination is scheduled for October 13th at 2pm.
- St. Peter Parish has 73 confirmation candidates for the 2019-20 school year. The plan is for Sophomores and Juniors to be confirmed this year, and next year Freshman and Sophomores before the parish goes back to confirmation held in 7-8th grades.
- Fr. Sacrist would like volunteers to clean the walls of Selinger Center and scrape off the tape, etc.
- Fr. Secrist is on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Bishop McKnight would like for each parish to form small prayer groups during Advent and Lent. The idea is to draw people to better relationships with parish, each other, and the Lord. The Diocese is developing a new Pastoral Plan.
- Fr. Secrist asked "what is our relationship to the wider community?" He has begun talks with community Christian pastors about how we can better help the community at large. Focus on Thanksgiving (helping the needy and homeless), tornado victims in our community, and the needs of our parishioners.
- Fr. Secrist discussed a few new items such as parish parking improvements. Is this realistic? How do we celebrate our history as a parish? Outreach to parishioners who no longer attend mass and our desire to draw them back. Our parish should become a place of mercy and charity.

New Business:

- Kyle Shimmens, President, discussed the council putting together a long-term vision/plan for the parish. Currently, we have nothing clear, but wants the council to start thinking about the parish's strengths and opportunities for improvement/growth. This would help future parishioners and council members.
- Selinger Gym floor will be stripped down to the original wood by Jeff Luebbert beginning the week of September 16th. Floor will be painted and sealed and will take at least one week. Hasn't been done since about 1982.

Old Business:

- Church pictorial directory update. First week of pictures will be week of September 16th. Next weekend after all masses, parish council volunteers will be outside all masses to sign up parishioners who haven't signed up. They will have laptops, iPads to sign parishioners up online. Asking parishioners/school staff for photos of the various parish and school activities. Carl Haake will be taking some photos of the church (inside and outside) for the directory. If we get all items and pictures done by end of October, directories will be available by January.
- The clock/bell tower has been replaced with a new integrated system with a remote control for funerals, weddings, etc. This system is the 4th generation since church has been built.
- St. Peter new marquee sign update: we have a city permit, electrical work done, we are waiting on the contractor to install hopefully soon.

Commission and Committee Reports: None

Comments for the Good of the Parish: None

Next meeting date: October 24, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Fr. Secrist led the council in the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.