

Parish Council Minutes  
November 29, 2018  
Selinger Hospitality Center

**Attendees:** Kyle Shimmens, , Liz Vanderfeltz, Jack Dayton, Terri Haake, Doug Otto, Fr Pardee, Jeremy Winegar, Jeff Luebbert, Sharon Burnett

Absent: Michelle Truesdale, Gayle Trachsel, TJ Ralston

Guest: Ed Martin, Property Committee representative

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Pardee opened the meeting at 6:30 pm with a prayer.

**Minute's approval:** The September 20, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Father reported that the parish to date has gone over its Diocesan Fund Appeal goal of \$228,697 by 13.6%. The parish will get back 90% of the amount over the parish goal if the diocese meets its goal. To date approximately 400 time and talent pledges have been returned which is about the same as last year. A final report of pledges is not available yet but anecdotally there appears to be an increase in financial pledges. The average weekend Mass attendance count done in October was slightly above 2017 count: 1301 for 2018 versus 1281 for 2017. Current Oct. 31, balance sheet shows total assets at \$3.855 million.

**Old Business:**

- Budget: Last year July 2017 – June 2018 and July 2018 – Oct. 2108 budget and actuals were reviewed. Proposed 2019 – 20 budget reviewed and approved. Council is supportive of Father continuing to send letters to parents reminding them of the definition of an active parishioner and their responsibility to support the parish. School is in need of an additional junior high teacher and new textbooks. Discussion on how to allocate and set aside funds for textbooks on an ongoing basis. Father discussed items proposed to be funded through Facility/Property Maintenance collection which include church doors, security cameras, old playground area adjacent to rectory conversion, and new office phone system. Council agreed to keep these items out of the budget process and run such proposals through the finance committee. There was expressed a need for the property committee to develop a plan to deal with items such as this on an annual basis.
- Day of the Poor: Increase in number of non-parishioners in attendance noted. There was expressed an need for more parishioners to attend as they ran out of side dishes. Using the trolley to pick-up non-parishioners proved very successful.
- The Shepherd's Care/Camera System discussion deferred.
- Christmas Mass Scheduling: Sharon recommended on behalf of the liturgy committee that an additional Mass be scheduled or that Mass be said simultaneously in the chapel at 5:15 to prevent parishioners and visitors being turned away from church because of fire code capacity issues. Father explained that there are no other priests available to say Mass. Discussion of how to handle concerns with pews purchased by families at Big Bucks. Kyle said that there will be

people assigned at these front side pews to explain circumstances so that ushers won't have to deal with the issue at the 5:15 Mass.

- Parking lot next to Rectory: Tree removal would cost \$2000 if done by parishioner. Tree trimming would be done for free by parishioner. Estimate it would cost \$45,000 to remove trees and pave parking lot that would net only 8 parking spaces. Discussion of maintaining the area as the only green space on campus. Council approved plan to trim trees, remove old playground structure, landscape area and put leave guards on rectory gutters.

**Commission and Committee Reports:** None noted.

**New Business:**

- Hearing impaired devises: Gaston de le Torre and Mike Kivett presented information on a RF Assisted Listening System for hearing impaired individuals at the last Liturgy Committee meeting. The system which consists of a stationary receiver and charging station with devices and accessories for four people which would cost \$1922.40. Gaston offered to cover about half of the cost. The system is capable of expanding to 12 devices (\$152 each). Request made by Sharon on behalf of the Liturgy Committee for approval for the devises. Council approves and Father recommended that funding be taken from Liturgy Committee budget.
- St. Peter's Parish Foundation & Trust: Plan to schedule their next meeting just prior to the council meeting in January and for them then to present to the parish council an overview of their role, goals and future.

**Next meeting:** January 17, 2019

Closing Prayer by Fr. Pardee

Meeting Adjourned