

**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Clifton Center**  
**Wednesday, June 16, 2021-6pm**

**Present:** Fr. Lou Meiman, Ed Farmer, Dutch Boehnlein, Jane Wehner, Billy Reed, Suzann McGarvey, Sharon Coonan, Shannon Burns, Mike Schoenman, Bill Johnston

**Absent:** Mary Masick, Anne Hogan, Deacon Ralph Bartley

- Fr. Lou opened the meeting with a prayer.
- Ed reported that the parish council served doughnuts at St. Leonard on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> as a thank you to the parish for letting us celebrate Mass there. The parishioners were appreciative and the council members enjoyed serving. Ed suggested planning events with St. Leonard in the future. He gave recap on Fr. Jerry's anniversary celebration and thanked Sharon for her work on both events.
- Fr. Lou reported that the Presbyteral Assembly went well. They spoke about how to be a church in an increasingly secular world and how people today are searchers. They had a discussion with Archbishop Kurtz about his retirement in August, when he turns 75. His successor could be announced on his birthday or up to a year afterwards. Fr. Lou reported that the diocese had a really good year and parishes will receive a rebate on the Cathedral assessment. Tithing in the archdiocese was up this past year, plus spending was down due to Covid. Social media was also a topic at the assembly. Parishes are deciding on whether to continue to livestream Masses now that Covid restrictions are over. He reported that they had healing and anointing of the sick service and feels it may be something our parishioners would like, also. He will take this to the worship committee.
- Dutch gave an update on finances. Our cash flow is good, even with the renovation costs. Dutch submitted the budget for approval. Although we are showing a deficit, he feels that we will come out ahead. He feels that our collections will actually be higher than what is budgeted. He hopes loose collection will go up due to the church opening back up after Covid. The salary for the two vacant positions (DRE and Ministry to Seniors) will not increase. There will be a task analysis to see if we need to fill these positions. Budget was approved.
- Dutch reported that the church door at the ramp needs improvements and that Steve is looking into pricing to get us a handicap accessible door. He reported that Sharon has done a great job with putting the church back together after the renovation. Sharon reported that she has gotten a lot of great feedback from parishioners about the renovation. Dutch reported that the pews will need to be refinished.

- Fr. Lou announced that Andrew Hennessy's (DRE) last day at parish will be tomorrow. Ashley Logsdon, Pastoral Associate at St. Leonard has also resigned and her last day will also be tomorrow. Ed announced that there will be a small ad hoc committee formed to review the parish council guidelines. He requested that any council member that is interested in the ad hoc committee to let him know.
- Ed reported that we need to reinstate our security measures and get these communicated and implemented for the ushers. Billy Reed suggested having someone at the ramp door to assist those who may need help navigating ramp and door
- Sharon reported that attendance has been up at the weekend Masses.
- Shannon Burns reported that the Social Justice Committee are excited to announce that St. Frances of Rome will be participating in an event with Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and St. Bernadette's to overcome the racial divide. The event will take place Between July 13th and August 10<sup>th</sup>. She asked that anyone interested to contact her.
- The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 14th. Saturday evening Mass will be on the agenda

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