

## **Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**1/10/2023 6-7pm in the St Frances of Rome Parish House**

Attendees: Steve King, Mary Masick, Laura Harpring, Shannon Burns, Sr. Agnes Coveney, Therese Bawa, Bill Johnston, Greg Brotzge, Jane Wehner, Suzann McGarvey

Steve opened the meeting with a prayer and the mission statement.

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Guidelines were discussed. Jane Wehner pointed out that the guidelines mention that parishioners should have a way to write down ideas and comments for the parish council. She asked how this could be implemented for SFR. Mary M. commented that the guidelines suggest that the council consist of committee representatives. Currently, Jane is representative of Social Justice, Therese and Laura represent Formation, Ward represents Worship, and Steve and Mary Masick are Admin representatives. Mary M. suggested that the committee representatives give a summary of what is going on in committee at each council meeting. Mary M. reported that the council needs a chair and a vice-chair for the PC. Suzann McGarvey will serve as secretary. Mary M. reported that the chairperson would need to meet with Fr. Lou before PC meetings. Steve asked for everyone to prayerfully think about volunteering for one of these positions.

Mary also said that the PC needs to be involved with Stewardship. Steve reported that the stewardship forms usually go out with the Year-End tax statements in January. Therese inquired if the stewardship form could be put online. Steve said that there are still a lot of parishioners who would prefer to get a paper copy.

Shannon Burns asked if there are plans for the PC to be more communicative with the parishioners. Bill suggested listing the council members in the bulletin. He also suggested having PC members make the Mass Announcements once a month to be more visible. Greg suggested having the PC members stand up at mass. Shannon also suggested putting an announcement in the newsletter letting parishioners know that the council is trying to be more open and visible. She will write up an article for the newsletter the first weekend of February and a PC member will be at all masses that weekend. Suzann will add this to the scheduler so that the council will receive reminders. The council agreed on doing a doughnut Sunday that will be funded by the parish, with Fr. Lou and Dutch's approval.

Steve will send out the link to the retreat as a refresher for those who attended, as well as for the new members. The retreat books were given to the new council members.

Steve thanked the members for their feedback on the Worship Listening Sessions. He did forward this back to Fr. Lou and Sharon C. The worship committee will be discussing this at the next

worship meeting.

Steve and Sharon are working on the Project Management Tool and how it will work. The Council approved the tool.

Steve reported that Fr. Lou would like the council to make suggestions of events they would like to see take place for Lent. The council chose to take time to pray about it. Steve would like the feedback by the end of day this Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Therese asked that we provide them with a list of events that the parish has had in the past. Jane reported that even before covid, the attendance for Stations of the Cross was low. Sr. Agnes suggested a single event, such as a simple meal. Therese commented that we could possibly use Common Table to cater. Mary M. suggested a talk from Fr. Lou or Fr. Ron. Steve will send last year's Lenten schedule of events out to the council.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 21st