

MINUTES

St. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish Council

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Present: Father Ron, Mike Laretti, Christine Bonkowski, Bea Ladochi, Ray Ignatowski, Marty Winiarski, Denny Kubczak, Tim Treloar, Ron Langlois, Saad Mishkoor, Tom Loria, and Meghan Dudley.

Excused: Deacon Marc and Mike Linden were excused.

Opening Prayer: Tim Treloar led us in Opening Prayer.

Finance Council: The Council reviewed the information from the Finance Council Meeting as presented by Tom Loria. Parking lot is still on track to start when the weather permits.

Central Macomb Vicariate:

Archdiocesan Offices/ Department Reports:

- The vicariate nominated Fr. Mike Cooney from St. Peter's Church for another term as vicar.
- We also discussed the AOD's proposed changes in the way the CSA campaign is calculated, utilizing a more top down method, where the "haves" may have a higher contribution than the "have-nots". It was also pointed out, that parishes that make contributions to, for example, Catholic education, may no longer be able to deduct that contribution from the overall calculation to determine their CSA amount. It appears that many parishes throughout the AOD expressed a concern regarding this proposed change in the CSA formula.
- Another item discussed was the possibility that the AOD is considering a separate foundation as a fund raising arm to attract private and corporate donors. A diocese in Ohio set up a foundation approximately 10-12 years ago and so far they have raised about 150 million dollars. The other benefit to the foundation is that the donor can take a tax credit and direct how the funds they have donated can be spent.
- A representative from Senior Services and Programs, Catholic Charities of Southeast MI (CCSEM) gave a short presentation of services available through them for seniors. More information will be available on the Central Macomb Vicariate website.

Youth Update:

Meghan Dudley reported the following:

- The youth group had an enlightening discussion about the different religions in the world.
- Watched the movie "Miracles from Heaven", and found it very inspirational.
- Will be helping at the confirmation reception scheduled for April 24th.
- Will have their senior goodbye event on May 15th.

Worship Commission:

- Easter went well. The Easter colors will remain in place until June 5th
- Deacon Marc is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer to take Holy Eucharist to the Sick and Homebound. There is an article in this week's bulletin.
- The 2 new lectors are doing well.
- Looking for Ministers of Hospitality and Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses.
- The choir will sing through Pentecost Sunday. Fr Ron asked if they could sing on Memorial Day Weekend.
- Fr. Ron has scheduled a Parish Mission with Fr Jack for Nov 4th through the 8th in 2017.

Religious Education:

- The after school program at Wyandot and the Home Teach program have concluded for the year.
- Confirmation will be conferred this Sunday, April 24 at 3 pm. EMHC's and Ministers of Hospitality are needed. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space. Please help if you can.
- First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, April 30. There are two masses, 10 am and 1 pm. EMHC's and Ministers of Hospitality are needed here as well, so please sign-up to help if you are available.
- The Summer Program as an option for students entering 6th or 7th grade in the fall is being offered in June.
- The May Crowning follows the evening Mass on Tuesday, May 3.
- We will bid farewell to Terri Konwinski at a reception following the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 15.
- We are blessed that God has sent Mrs. Kathleen Fraylick to SPOT as the new Youth Minister. Kat come to us with a love of God and the Catholic faith, and willingness – a passion – to share it with His youth!

Christian Service:

No meeting/No Report since last Parish Council meeting.

K of C Report: Nominations for new council officers started at our last membership meeting and elections will be completed at our next meeting. A new Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight will be elected.

The following are a list of events and dates for the KOC:

- April 23 8:30AM First Degree Ceremony – St. John Vianney
- April 28 7:00PM Officers Meeting
- May 09 7:30PM Membership Meeting and Election of Officers
- May26-28 State Convention – Mackinac Island

New Business:

- Hydraulic caulking on the outside of the church will be starting soon.
- We received a bid on parking lot lights. We have asked for a re-bid.
- Parish council discussed their representation for upcoming year.
- It was reported that Joan Atkinson passed away recently. Joan is the mother Darlene Seifer who runs the Food Pantry and Crisis Outreach for St. Paul of Tarsus.
- The CSA goal has been raised by \$8,000 by the Arch Diocese.
- Parish Council was briefed on the powerful Amazing Parish conference. Superior training with many facets on parish leadership, evangelization to name a few of the many topics discussed over the three day conference.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of March 17, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

Our next Council meeting will be held on May 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Mike Laretti will lead us in prayer.

Closing Prayer: Tim Treloar led us in Closing Prayer.