

St. Basil's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes from May 24, 2017

New Business

Wi-Fi

- ◆ The Parish is exploring Wi-Fi access for the rectory, office, and church basement.
 - ◇ The Wi-Fi could be used for Children's Liturgy, memorial presentations, educational videos (Confirmation, First Communion preparations), virtual Parish Council meetings, skype masses
- ◆ The Wi-Fi can be set up with specialized authorities to ensure the security of the network
 - ◇ Could have special passwords, special black-out periods, restricted websites, time limits etc.
- ◆ Now is an ideal time to work on the system, since the new electrical work is also underway. The electrical system could also use the connectivity to turn lights on-and-off remotely. The connected system could also include the Parish's security system
- ◆ Parish Council will work with Finance Council to determine what is feasible
 - ◇ The Parish is considering using Ubiquiti Networks, Unifi system

St. Basil's Theme

- ◆ In accordance with the Imagine St. Basil's Report, the Parish Council has identified the theme for the 2017-18 Parish Council Year: The Green Church

Parish and Finance Council Dinner

- ◆ The Parish and Finance Councils will be having their annual joint dinner on June 21, 2017
- ◆ The dinner will be catered by our Syrian family under the direction of Manal

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Bulletin Boards

- ◆ Bulletin Boards are still on order

Google Calendar

- ◆ The Google Calendar is ready to go
- ◆ Once all the upcoming events are filled in the calendar will go live
- ◆ All events on the calendar will be backed up on paper in the office

Volunteer Appreciation

- ◆ The volunteer brunch will be on June 11 at 12:00
 - ◇ Tickets will be available in the Narthax (in order to track numbers)
 - ◇ Catering is ordered

Recruitment of New Choir Director

- ◆ Current Choir Director has agreed to remain for July and August
- ◆ Request for candidates has gone out

L'arche Update

- ◆ L'arche is looking for meeting rooms and office space (with the potential for four apartments)
- ◆ An architect is looking at options and will develop proposals

Clean-Up

- ◆ The clean-up of the church is well underway; only two more rooms to go!
- ◆ Parish Council is recommending a Garage Sale at the end of September (links to the theme of The Green Church)

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Reports from Commissions

Updates from Commissions

- ◆ The Parish Council Members have been meeting with their Ministries to discuss the Imagine St. Basil's Report
- ◆ The CWL and Knights have had a joint meeting and brainstorming session on collaboration and Imagine St. Basil's
- ◆ Meetings with the Chairs of the Liturgy Commission to discuss the report. The conversations were generally quite positive
- ◆ The search continues for next year's Parish Council
- ◆ The name changes proposed in the Imagine St. Basil's Report have been approved by Parish Council
- ◆ The CWL will have a new President, Elizabeth Elliott, starting January 1, 2017 and new treasurer, Catherine Casserley

Campaign for Parish Council

- ◆ Active recruiting is underway

Report from Pastor

- ◆ Cash donations should be discouraged in order to prevent the loss or theft of donations. Cheques are recommended
- ◆ Lent and Easter celebrations went well
 - ◇ Four First Communion celebrations
 - ◇ 17 Confirmations
- ◆ Special thanks to Heather and Judy for cleaning up the Church
- ◆ Starting July 1st Sunday mass will be at 10:00 instead of 9:00 and 11:00
- ◆ A reminder: you must book the hall early or you will not be guaranteed the space

Next Meeting

June 20, 2017