

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2017

In attendance: Fr. Pflieger, Fr. Colavito, M. Miller, J. Daverso, T. Rodrigues, M. Cerwonka, A. VanSciver, K. Torody, M. Hughson, A. Fredrick, F. Grochal, A. VanSciver, R. Johnson, S. Moynihan.

Guests: Frank & Linda Falcone, Linda & John Nasuti, Shari Zavodnick, Pat O'Brien, Patrick Carr

The council meeting began with a prayer. The January Council minutes were posted on the parish website and were approved without any corrections.

A presentation on Villanova University teachers and students efforts to assist Fr. Wally in the town of Wacuco, Panama was given by Frank Falcone. Fr. Wally will receive an honorary degree from Villanova this year. Discussion of possible aid: spiritually, financially, volunteerism, or as a "sister" parish was discussed.

Old Business

Faith in Our Future – Results published in a handout for all parishioners on the foyer table. The implementation team will meet on 2/28/17 and then on 3/6/17 at SIJ.

Collection Counters – Attempting to obtain a counting machine from Beneficial Bank.

Ushers – "Functioning".

Liturgy Ministry – Mission was successful. 150 attendees every night plus 60 attendees in the morning session. Collection was \$6,000. If held next year, add more spirituality, and possibly a priest to present.

PCA Ministry – Fellowship Sundays on the 3rd Sunday of the month are a success. Looking to do fellowship after every mass, not just the 11:30. Asking other organizations to participate. Perhaps ARS can do March and KOC do May.

Pre-Cana Ministry – will expand to a Friday night and Saturday event.

Prayer Shaw Ministry – Possible places to distribute shaws: Samaritan Hospice, County Jail, homebound, Sunrise Assisted Living.

Bereavement Ministry – To be handled by the parish office staff with Vidya Ollivarez being the contact person.

Youth Ministry – had 25 students participate in making cards for cancer patients. Would like to see a consistent reinforcement about participating in the Youth Ministry events from the 7 & 8th grade religious ed teachers. Parish Council replacements will be needed this summer.

Valentine's Day Dance – had 137 people attend. SIJ parishioners also attended. Well received.

Parish Sign – which entrance should have the sign? Continue discussion next month.

Parish Financial Statement – a few questions were asked and answered. All parish ministries asked to submit a budget by May. Email to come from parish office. Council members asked to come to next meeting with budget ideas for council sponsored events. Parish weekly collection amount now in bulletin, not expenses.

Overhead Projection system – talks ongoing with JD Sound. Will put screen on front short wall.

New Business

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 8th at Noon. Manned by volunteers from KOC and PCA.

Parish Council Election – 2 parishioners submitted applications. Emails sent to previous candidates. Discussion on how to get more parishioners interested.

Supplies for the Church – items such as vacuum, push cart, steamer, coffee maker, etc are needed. List of requested items is to be submitted to the parish office for approval.

SJN Facilities Usage – to be used by both parishes eventually. Erica McGee mentioned as a person to set up activities and sports leagues both youth and adult. Get more people to “church”.

Calendar of Events on the Website – already there but needs to be updated and list current events. Is it possible to have a handout, or in the bulletin? Emails should go to business manager to update the calendar.

SIJ is hosting a Summer Picnic. Possibly be a way to gather both parishes together.

Also consider attending SIJ Parish Council meetings, and inviting their council members to our meetings.

SJN may be a voting site. This was announced by the Mt. Laurel Township Manager.

Diocese may acquire property. Use Monastery for religious ed classes. 300 students enrolled in classes held at Hartford School now. Parishes are linked, will not be merged. This is due to the clergy problem. Both are healthy parishes. Combine resources, but individual parishes.

Pat O’Brien spoke on the KOC Communion Breakfast and the Brightview Ministry.

Patrick Carr spoke about “talking it up” to get parishioners involved in the parish council activities.

Fr. Colavito spoke about the Lenten lecture based on the Gospel of Mark.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Next meeting March 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM.