

# SJN Parish Council Minutes - October 15, 2018

In Attendance: Mike Miller, Joe Daverso, Mark Hughson, Tony Rodrigues, Anne Fredrick, John Nasuti, Les Angelia, Frank Grochal, Miranda Toner, Jim Healey, Al VanSciver

Guests: Fr Dunn, Mike Rocco, Bill and Barb Richey, Karen Rodrigues, Pam Raymond

Our meeting began with prayer by Mike Miller 7:00 p.m. Meeting was conducted by Mike Miller.

September minutes - No need for review and approval as quorum was not met at the September meeting.

## 2. Updates

**a) Faith in the Future:** Joe Daverso reported that a Cohort Meeting was held last Wednesday. Several goals were formalized including increasing Mass attendance by three percent, increased Community Outreach, and the concept of sharing Ministry Fairs among the Cohort Parishes.

**b) Youth Ministry:** Miranda Toner reported that the BOLD season has started. Miranda requested that a BOLD member be permitted to speak at a Sunday Mass. Also, that a collection be held at a Mass to benefit BOLD activities.

**c) Collection Counters:** Mike Miller reported that the weekly collection process has been going well. We will need additional volunteers to help during the Holidays.

**d) Ushers:** Mike Miller reported that we are always looking for additional volunteers, especially for the Sunday evening Mass.

**e) Ministry Liaison:** Joe Daverso reported that a recent Pre Cana event was held with five couples participating.

**f) Liturgy Committee** Tony Rodrigues reported that there will be an All Souls Mass on Friday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tony stated that there would be no Thanksgiving Eve Mass this year. There will be a Christmas Novena, to be held from December 4<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Mass schedule is being finalized, looks like Christmas Eve – 4:30 and midnight, Christmas day – 8:00 and 10:00. A Mission or Retreat is being planned for Lent. Tony told the Council about a Catholic Choir Group called the Sweet Inspirations.

**3. H/ML Road Digital Sign:** Sign allowed on H/ML road, still undecided for Walton avenue. Frank Grochal mentioned that there may be an increase in traffic thru the church grounds. Al Van Sciver said that he would mention this to town officials but did not think that much could be done, since the road is thru public property.

4. **Movie Night:** Mike Miller reported that there was very low attendance at the last Movie Night. Will plan another.
5. **Use of Facilities and Establishment:** Need someone to lead.
6. **Fellowship Sunday:** The last Fellowship Sunday had good attendance, about 100 people. October's will be in conjunction with the Ministry Fair.
7. **Building Committee:** No report.
8. **Parish Survey -** Targeting issuing the survey in early 2019.
9. **Security Plan:** Security Plan to be approved by Fr. Pfleger. Expect to have in place by year end.
10. **Bishop Sheen TV:** Pending.
11. **Parent Community –** Under reorganization.
12. **Ministry Appreciation Breakfast and other forms of Ministry appreciation –** In the planning stage, planning the type and venue for the appreciation event. Also, considering certificates of appreciation, plus other forms of recognition.
13. **Financial statements –** Financial statements have been finalized, and will be released soon.
14. **Parish Hall –** The new tables and chairs have been received.
15. **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration –** will start planning for the celebration. Targeting February 2019. Need to determine the type of event and venue.

#### **New Business**

- The topic was brought up about having a Harvest Dance in the fall. We would need to start to plan for the event now.
- Al Van Sciver thanked those who attended the Rosary Rally.
- It was suggested that, when info is available, a communication should be put in the Church Bulletin explaining to parishioners the actions that have taken place regarding the Cistercian Monastery, Town of Mount Laurel, Fatima House, etc.

Meeting closed with a Prayer by Fr. Dunn at 8:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jim Healey