

# SJN Parish Council Minutes - February 26, 2018

In Attendance: Mike Miller, Mark Hughson, Tony Rodrigues, Joe Daverso, Linda Nasuti, Anne Fredrick, Frank Grochal, Less Angelia, Miranda Toner.

Guests: Fr. Colavito, Fr. Dunn, John Nasuti, Pete Cassiano, Pete Bloss from SIJ.

Our meeting began with prayer by Mike Miller.

January minutes were approved by council.

## Old Business:

1. **Panama Sister Relationship project with SJN:** Joe had a conversation with Frank and it was suggested that we follow a similar procedure that is used by Villanova to invite the high school & college students their become involved. Notice was put in the bulletin to invite them to participate we will see what type of response Frank gets.

## 2. Updates

- a) **Faith in the Future:** The next meeting is on Wednesday night. Joe suggested to talk to youth group and Helen about local mission opportunities through Service WorX :  
Middle School --one day-- TASK or pre-school  
High School--week-long stay--rotate to different activities  
College--Trip to Appalachia  
Mike suggested to get someone to come in to our meeting to talk with us and we invite people to come and attend to hear about it.
- b) **Youth Ministry:** Miranda reported in there was a February ski trip, Diocese youth conference, we will be working with the baskets, easter egg hunt, Divine Mercy could there be a youth portion as a part of it Mike said that it should be addressed to Maria Arvonio and Melianie.
- c) **Collection Counters:** Mike Miller said it is going good.
- d) **Ushers:** Mostly good except for 5:30 Mass there is a shortage of help.
- e) **Liturgy Committee:** Tony Rodrigues reported that on 2/12 Fr. Jim Grogan did a marriage retreat for couples night and it made the Monitor, on 3/3 we are having a Divine Mercy Retreat. Then we are approaching the Triduum & Easter. This year for last 2 weeks of Lent we will be covering the statues.

- g) **Altar Rosary** They had a great cake sale next meeting is 3/6. They may be considering a daytime meeting. They scheduled 10/21 for communion breakfast and a woman associated with Jim Amalfitano as their speaker.
  - h) **Bereavement** No deaths this month
  - i) **Finance** no report
  - h) **Social Activities** Mike said Valentine Dance was great, extra bonus with the mummies. Mark said we basically broke even.
  - i) **Pete from SIJ** they are getting help from someone who does marketing getting out on social media anything they figure out they would be willing to share. They will be having elections later this month. They had a fashion show earlier this month. They are doing a dinner for the less fortunate but they are running into a problem of people not coming out for the food. Still a work in progress. We are trying to be more welcoming but we have to be more one-to-one invitations to get people involved. They will be having a ministry and committee leaders meeting in mid-March to help build more community. they are having their fish-fry one select Friday nights during Lent.
4. **H/ML Road Digital Sign:** Proposal -Deferred pending property resolution- no change.
  5. **Movie Night:** Plan is for March. The movie that will be shown is "Dumbo". Mike will take care of it.
  6. **Use of Facilities and Establishment:** Inter-mural Athletic Activities-pending. Danielle M. is working to get the parents involved soon once that is started this can go forward.
  7. **Fellowship Sunday:** Will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in March after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses. **Please note: A message be put in the notes for the lector and for the priest about Fellowship Sunday, so it gets announced at the Mass. This can be accomplished by notifying Eleni DiCarlo or Mike Rocco in the office.**
  9. **Building Committee:** Pete Cassiano commented about the building committee they have to go and see some of the other churches St Justin's Toms River, Holy Eucharist Cherry Hill, St Charles Borromeo Cinnaminson to look at ideas of how they used their worship and office space, as well as parking spaces. There are other thing happening but unable to expound on it.
  10. **Parish Survey** - Tony said that Fr. Pflieger has the survey and we are waiting for his response.
  11. **Security Plan:** Mike Rocco previously told us that he was to meet someone about establish a security system for St John Neumann. N/C

12. **Bishop Sheen TV:** Mike said he wants to start this in April.
13. **Parent Community Assn (PCA)** under reorganization
14. **Ministry Appreciation Activity:** Maybe in May
15. **New Year's Eve 2019 Event :** It is going to be difficult to do this in December and do a 40th Anniversary party in November. Mike will ask Fr. Pflieger his feelings about a New Year's party.

#### **New Business**

- Financial Statement -- Pastoral Review and suggestions for cost-reductions
- Easter Egg Hunt -- Saturday March 24th Frank suggested that we make sure to tell Fr. Maurizio if we are using the monastery grounds give him plenty of notice.
- Parish Council Elections for 2018 the people's terms due to expire are:  
Tony Rodrigues, Mary Ann Cerwonka, Anne Fredrick  
Mike & Joe will go to the pulpit and encourage people to apply for council. Tony suggested to touch base with some of the people who were previously interested.  
The timing of the elections interferes with Easter so we will adjust the timing of the election this year hold elections on 4/15.

#### **Public Comments:**

- In November, 2018 is the 40th anniversary of St John Neumann. Fr. Pflieger asked that a committee be set up for the St. John Neumann 40th anniversary celebration.
- Fr. Colavito mentioned he was at the Diocesan youth conference next year Holy Cross is hosting it on 2/9/19 and the Pope will be in Panama around that time too, because of it he could not be at the Valentine dance. On Thursday 3/1 he is starting the next seminar series entitled "Modern Saints of the Church"

Meeting closed with a Prayer by Fr. Dunn at 8:10 PM.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Nasuti