

# **Parish Council Meeting**

## **Wednesday February 21, 2018**

Attendance (P=Present, E=Excused and A=Absent)

*Class of June 2018*

Joe Tod (Co-Chair) **P**

Joe Voelker (Co-Chair) **P**

Matt Lilly **E**

Kyle Lovan **E**

Bill Reedy **P**

James Tomlin **P**

*Class of June 2019*

Pam Dauby **P**

Kim Ellis **A**

Donatus Weobong **P**

Abbie Zastawny **E**

*Class of June 2020*

Kris Campbell **P**

Jo Polk **P**

Jennifer Posey **P**

Vacant

*Non-Voting Members*

Father Marcotte **P**

Deacon John Thompson **P**

I. Call to Order

II. Prayer (Our Father)

III. Updates

A. Sacred Heart Office Use Survey

1. The Survey is ready to go and it will ask folks for ideas as to what should be done with the old office space.
2. It will also ask times of day and days of the week that would be better for folks to attend a town hall regarding the office space

B. Father Marcotte Mass of Installation as Pastor

1. Coming up on Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at Sacred Heart
2. There is a part in the Mass where Archbishop Thompson will present Father to the parish council. The hope is that most of the parish council members will be able to attend.

C. Saint Meinrad Young Adult Grant

1. Still waiting to hear back.
2. We are one of the finalists for the grant, the hope is that we will know by the end of the week, however they haven't always met previous deadlines.

#### D. Connected in the Spirit

1. Archbishop Thompson conducted a listening session on Monday at Providence HS to listen to people's thoughts on the proposals for the New Albany Deanery.
2. Much of the energy surrounded the closing of Most Precious Blood and Saint Peter's as well as concerns about cemeteries and having less priests.

#### E. Increased Offertory Campaign

1. This weekend is our commitment weekend.
2. The idea is to highlight the good work of our parishes and invite people to be a part of that mission for the next year.

#### IV. Future Leadership of Harvest Chicken Dinner & Pictorial Directory

- A. We are still looking for leadership for the Harvest Chicken Dinner
- B. Lifetouch has contacted us about making another directory. This would need lay leadership as well.

#### V. Crafting a Joint Parish Mission Statement

##### A. Current Sacred Heart Statement:

We are the Catholic Community of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, dedicated to live fully the teaching of Jesus Christ through prayer & worship, lifelong education and fellowship & service.

##### B. Current Saint Augustine Statement:

We, the Catholic Community of Saint Augustine believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the furtherance of his Church on earth. Answer the call of Baptism through Spiritual Life, Total Catholic Education, Family Life and Social Concerns, and Youth Ministries. Strive to prepare our parish community for life with Christ. Work to bring all people to know Jesus Christ and His plan for our world.

- C. Father is wanting parishioners to get to the point where they have an "elevator pitch" and can share with others why they like being a part of our parishes and invite them to join as well. The thought is that the mission statement might help this effort.
- D. It would be good to get parishioners input through something like a survey and see if there are key words that come up.
- E. A Mission Statement is different from a Vision Statement.
- F. Council seemed to agree that it is indeed important to have a Mission Statement even if we may not do a whole lot with it right now.
- G. Saint Augustine's was done during the time of Father Cliff
- H. The history of when Sacred Heart came to their current mission statement was a little foggier
- I. It was suggested that the mission statement needed to be short and sweet, no more than one or two sentences.
- J. It was suggested that the parish council was an obvious group to craft the mission statement.
- K. It was suggested that we could start with ourselves and ask the parish council members to speak as to why they are invested in our parishes.
- L. Our homework is come next time (email ahead of time to Father) with why we are a part of our parishes. We can craft an actual mission statement or do bullet points if we prefer.

VI. Future Fish Fry Leadership

- A. The Fish Fry has found someone to replace Jennifer Posey next year, they are still looking for a replacement for Michelle Harbeson.

VII. Future Street Dance Leadership

- A. Becky Fisher is taking over for the Voelker's next year.

VIII. Concluding Prayer (Hail Mary)

**NEXT MEETING: March 21st @ 6 pm @ Saint Catharine Hall**