

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday April 18, 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 **P**

Kyle Lovan **P**

Bill Reedy **P**

James Tomlin **E**

Class of June 2019

Pam Dauby **P**

Kim Ellis **P**

Donatus Weobong **P**

Abbie Zastawny **P**

Class of June 2020

Kris Campbell **E**

Jo Polk **E**

Jennifer Posey **P**

Vacant

Non-Voting Members

Father Marcotte **P**

Deacon John Thompson **P**

I. Call to Order

II. Prayer (Our Father)

III. Haiti Survey: As part of our long range planning a survey was conducted asking folks three questions. #1 If someone asked you what our Haiti Ministry at Sacred Heart and Saint Augustine does, how would you respond? #2 What do you like best about our Haiti Ministry? #3 What is something you would like to know more about with our Haiti Ministry? The Haiti Committee found that they could make some improvements with communication as well as a need to fight apathy on the part of some parishioners at Saint Augustine. They asked the Parish Council for their feedback.

A. How do they better communicate?

1. There hasn't always been a lot of communication, one council member thought they started helping after the hurricane and assumed that we would only be helping Saint Raphael for a time. The thought is that this was a short term project.
2. One of the past Haitian priests that came to Jeffersonville was not understood well by parishioners and his message was lost on them.
3. There is interest in what the long-term goals are. If they have been communicated at one point they seem to have been forgotten by many of the members of the council.
4. Some felt that communication about the Haiti Ministry has faded with time.
5. Anytime social media can be used it will help with the message.

6. Reports that are more appealing to the eye, perhaps even video that could be posted on social media platforms.
7. People would like to hear the origin story, how the ministry began.
8. A summary page for new parishioners might be helpful.
9. Some explanation about the ministry in the water bottles might work as well.

B. Fighting apathy at Saint Augustine

1. It seems from the surveys that Sacred Heart has had a lot more explanation of what is going on and a better understanding of the history.
2. Since the ministry originated with Sacred Heart perhaps Saint Augustine never had a “kick-off” to the ministry that might have built initial excitement.
3. Perhaps Saint Augustine isn’t apathetic but has a lot of questions.

C. Other feedback

1. A couple of council members are very interested in making a mission trip.
2. Think it would be helpful to get more people to have the mission trip experience, would probably need more notice and more information about the cost.
3. To get the youth involved there would probably need to be fundraisers. They would also probably want some sort of project.

IV. Sacred Heart Old Parish Office Survey

A. What ideas are we throwing out there for town hall meetings?

1. Young Adult Housing for an intentional Catholic community
2. Space for school/preschool
3. Rent to Non-Profit

B. Future Town Hall Meetings

1. Evening of Thursday May 31st
2. Sunday June 3rd after the 11 am Mass
3. Saturday June 9th after the 5:45 pm Mass

C. Other feedback

1. There needs to be acknowledgement that several folks wrote of a desire to reopen the Sacred Heart Parish Office.
2. We do not wish to have the possible re-opening of a parish office hanging over our heads as a possible source of division and discord. If and when we see a dramatic increase in Weekend Mass Attendance & Sunday/Holy Day Collections and there is a need for each parish to have its own full dedicated staff and it is financially sustainable we will have that discussion

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. Shortened Statements

1. *Knowing, Becoming, and Sharing the Heart and Mind of Jesus Christ*
2. *To connect with and inspire people about Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, education, fellowship and service.*
3. *Helping people get to Heaven as they pass through Jeffersonville.*
4. *Striving to prepare everyone for life with Christ.*
5. *To Create A Catholic Culture That Is God Centered Enabling All To Grow In Their Relationship With Jesus Christ.*
6. *To build a Catholic Community through a workforce committed to evangelization in their actions and teachings.*

D. Thoughts?

1. The second one seems to be the most popular with the council.
2. The first one is liked as well.
3. Number three we will probably put on a t-shirt, but probably will not be the mission statement.
4. Next month we will finalize which one we want to propose to the parishes for their feedback.

VI. Concluding Prayer (Hail Mary)

NEXT MEETING: May 16th @ 6 pm @ Saint Catharine Hall