

Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 @ 6:30 pm  
Holy Redeemer, Eyota

1. **Eucharistic Adoration** (Church)
2. **Opening Prayer**-Fr. Tim
3. **Roll Call:** Members Present: St. Charles- Dale Hinckley, Diane LeClair, Jose Rojas, Marilyn McGuire, Tom Vega, Vicki Gathje  
Holy Redeemer-Deb Loftus, Kathy Schumann, Keith Troke, Mary Matzke, Sharon Long  
Staff-Fr. Tim, Becky Storey Hunder and Deacon Placido Zavala  
Buildings and Grounds Reps: Members of the Buildings and Grounds committees that were previously reporting to the Parish Council, have been asked instead to attend Finance Meetings. It is a better match functionally for each group.  
St. Aloysius: Fr Tim reported that he had called each St. Aloysius Council member and talked with them individually. Being it is their last regular Mass this Sunday and with there being some uncertainty as how to move forward, it just wasn't the proper time for them to have a council meeting to attend.
4. **Role of the Pastoral Council:** Fr Tim started by handing out information on the Parish Council for members to reference. He highlighted page 3 of the hand out titled "The Parish Pastoral Council-Function". Noting that the councils main function is to advise the Pastor in pastoral matters presented by the pastor. It shares concerns from parish members, helps develop the mission of the parish and the parish plan. He noted that it is different than the Finance Council, which helps with the physical needs of the parishes.
5. **Nominations/Appointments**
  - a. Nominations & appointments of Pastoral Council Chair: Fr Tim asked for nominations for the Pastoral Council President. This position will be a 1 year term and will work with Fr Tim in setting the agenda for meetings and will run the meetings. Marilyn McGuire nominated Vicki Gathje. Fr Tim asked if she would accept the nomination, Vicki accepted.
  - b. Nominations & appointments of Pastoral Council Secretary: Fr Tim asked for nomination for the pastoral secretary, a 1 year term, this person would work with Fr Tim and the President to create, print out and email agendas and minutes to members. Kathy Schumann nominated Sharon Long, Sharon Declined (In Arizona half of the year). No other nominations were made, Becky was asked to stay on until a secretary can be found. Becky accepted.
6. **Old Business:** Short discussion on council terms and who's terms were finished. No decision on when to have nominations for new members. Fr Tim would like the council member seats to be part of a stewardship which is part of the new business for this meeting.
7. **Pastors Report:** Fr Tim gave the council some personal background on himself and his family. He enjoys working with people of all ages. He noted that he feels like there is a great spirit here and looks forward to working with the council as advisors.
8. **Parish Reports:**
  - a. St. Charles Borromeo:
    - i. Diane LeClair noted that the Welcome lunch for Fr Tim last Sunday had a great turn out and that she was impressed with Fr Tim and how he made an effort to visit each table and greet the people.
    - ii. Marilyn McGuire asked if we could bring back the Prayer of St. Michael to the weekend Mass. Mary Matzke affirmed her request. Becky noted that in the past of the concerns with having it at the beginning of Mass makes the opening to long. After discussion on the different options of when to say it during Mass, the discussion was tabled
    - iii. Deacon Placido was present and asked if there was anything he wanted to share with the council. He shared that the Hispanic Community will be starting their Novena in the

community's homes starting Oct 28 and will happen every day until the Celebration of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" on Dec. 11.

- iv. St Charles Borromeo Finance Council Report: The Finance Councils have not met yet, but Fr Tim reported that St. Charles Borromeo has 2 years of Ministry Appeal shortfalls and with this years current shortfall we will be behind about \$23,000. Fr Tim shared that it is the responsibility of all the parishes to support the Ministry Appeal, the Foundation supports many services, educational opportunities and Faith Formation/Youth Ministry services that our parishes use. St. Charles Borromeo will be looking at ways to work with the Foundation to repay the shortfall.
- b. Holy Redeemer:
  - i. Fr Tim shared that the Fall Festival was a great day. He enjoyed all of the people and activities of the day. Everyone seems pleased with how things went.
  - ii. Kathy Schumann shared that after speaking with Fr Tim and Bridgid Smith, she was given permission to have Holy Redeemer host 2 families in the Rectory House the week of September 24-October 1. Kathy said that it was a last minute request, Family Promise was having a hard time finding a parish to host and Kathy felt it was something the Holy Redeemer Community could accommodate. She thanked Fr Tim and Bridgid and the Faith formation teachers for helping accommodate their classrooms for this mission. Kathy passed out flyers and information on the program to council members to read/share.

#### 9. **New Business:**

- a. Faith Formation Updates: Fr Tim shared that Bridgid Smith is wonderful and that the only problem he has is that she will be with only for a year. He said it is a testament to the parishes that they could find a Faith Formation person before he arrived. It has put the parish in a good position to begin a search again in January.
- b. Confession Presentation November 13: A whole community adult learning night will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Charles Borromeo. This evening will be offered to help members learn about Confession. A video along with a question and answer session will be part of the program. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come.
- c. Season of Advent: Will be the start of a new liturgical year and the addition of some new adult opportunities including:
  - i. Para Church: our parish will partner with the Boy Scouts in selling Advent Wreaths/candles for families. Each will come with prayers for the family to share together.
  - ii. Adult Education Kick Off: During advent, there will be sign up for people to join faith sharing/bible study at each parish. We will begin with a shorter 4 week study to give people an opportunity to try it out. Would like a minimum of one group per parish.
  - iii. Sunday Liturgy: Fr Tim will start to tweak some of the Liturgical Ministries with training.
  - iv. Communication: Updates for the website, bulletin and social media will begin at this time.
- d. Parish Stewardship Catechesis: Fr Tim decided to give a brief overview of this discussion and table it for the next meeting. He wanted to respect the councils time and not go over an hour for the meeting. He passed out information on Stewardship for the council to read for the next meeting
  - i. Call to Stewardship: Presentation and Discussion: Fr Tim gave a brief report on what this would be. After Easter the parishes would have a stewardship sign up Sunday, more details to be shared at the next meeting.

10. **Assign Next Meeting Location:** Next meeting is November 14 at 6:30pm at St. Charles Borromeo. At this point Becky asked about nomination Sunday for the council member openings coming up. It was decided that Becky, Fr. Tim and Vicki would discuss after the meeting.

11. **Assign Fellowship for next meeting:** No discussion.

12. **Closing Prayer:** Fr Tim thanked the council for their presence and led the council in prayer. Fellowship followed with wonderful drinks and treats! Thank You!