

St. Patrick Catholic Church Parish Council Minutes November 26, 2019

Attending:

Fr. Jeff
Amy Alonzo - Secretary
Vince Birk
Greg Bush
Kristy Greenwood
Lynn Kolokowsky - President
Kim Mattingly - Vice President
David McConda
Jonna O'Bryan
Dcn. Mark Rougeux
Mike Sandfort
Alan Wheatley
Madison Whitehouse
Birgit Zepf

6:33, meeting already in progress. Fr. Jeff discussing CRHP; "Welcome" self-assessments: best steps forward for each person and their relationship with God/measurement of growth in the community. Commensurate with Welcome, also talked about Bishop Robert Barron's 5-step plan to reach out to the "nones" and those who have left the Church (Justice, Service, Beauty, Good, and True); each parish is not just a place for receiving the sacraments, but should also be a missionary outpost, and what does that look like for St. Patrick parish.

Minutes of October 29, 2019, meeting approved.

Fr. Jeff gave update of CSA, nearly \$100,000 received; \$4,000 raised by students.

Dcn. Mark led reflection on **Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic: Prayer**; prayer is the foundation of our spiritual life; it is not just speaking, but listening and the importance of silence. He discussed a 7-step process to help develop a routine of prayer, starting with gratitude; ended reflection by challenging us to imagine what our lives would look like or how they would change if we prayed every day.

After adoration, introductions of Youth Ministry team and each individual's focus within YM made:

- Madison Whitehouse: Community
- Birgit Zepf: Spiritual Engagement
- Jonna O'Bryan: Service and Social

Jonna discussed the Youth Ministry program:

- Just returned from attending National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis
- In early years in her role, focused on 6th, 7th, and 8th grade; this is now her fourth year, and YM is working to maintain involvement with and engagement of those children who are now high school students
 - Provide opportunities for youth to encounter Christ, helping each child discern where they best fit within the parish and let their actions shine
 - Activities participated in always include service components
- Stronger YM social media presence
- YM programming to be held Wednesday and Sunday evenings
- Challenged Parish Council to come to a YM event to see and be a part of what they're doing; youth connecting with other (parish) adults that are interested in them and their continued development and deepening relationship with God

Pastor Comments:

Fr. Jeff discussed new online stewardship technology:

- Push Pay
 - Ready by February 2020
 - Contributions will not stop with each yearly stewardship renewal, but will rather continue until parishioner makes change
- Dashboard program

Beacon of Hope update:

- Phase 1.5
 - Construction to start Monday, December 2, 2019
 - Next meeting with Archdiocesan Building Commission for Phase 2 approval to be held December 3, 2019
- Phase 2
 - Conditional use permit, includes public hearing, because it is new construction
 - Groundbreaking hopeful for January/February 2020

Open House:

- Over 200 attendees
- Open enrollment process is ahead of last year at this point
- Increased Preschool interest

Fr. Jeff apprised Council of recent security incidents and procedures.

Ministry Updates:

Formation: David McConda

- Parish Retreat/Mission with Fr. Sichko set for January 23-26, 2021

School Board

None

Worship

None

Administration & Finance: Mike Sandfort

- \$2.083 million in cash
- \$816,000 Construction in Progress
- Different improvements in stewardship
 - Push Pay
- BOH:
 - \$3.079 million in pledges
 - Approx. 60% of pledged balance received, \$1.8 million
- Church Master Plan, additional \$175,000
- Started internal audit
- CSA, 231 families have contributed \$91,000; 65% of goal

Social Concerns

None

Council Business:

- Lynn discussed Parish Council Opportunities, New Parishioner Welcome/Orientation
- April 28, 2020, meeting back on calendar

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm