

Parish Council Meetings May 8, 2017

Present: Airika Buford, Michele Johnston, Tom Kraft, Cookie Kulchy, Sol May, Therese McGratty, Mark Miller, Kim Milligan, Tony Novara, Nancy Silveri, Harry Wimble Danny Wois, Shivaun Wois. Brother Ray Stadmeyer-Pastor, Frances Carnaghi & Chris McLaughlin-Pastoral Ministers, Mary Ellen White-Finance Council Rep. Absent: Deacon Robert Wotypka and Anne Crowe

The meeting was called to order by Mark Miller, Council President. Minutes were reviewed and the following changes were made. Raffle usually brings in about \$15,000. We have two-part time employees Fran Carnaghi and Chris McLaughlin. To date there have been no scholarship submissions. Airika was not present and Kim was present at the April meeting.

Budget: Brother Ray reviewed the budget, with handouts. The fundraising committee will have a meeting on 5/9/17. If we are able to host another Mass Mob, it would be source of income for Nativity... Harry Wimble explained how the AOD sets the quota required for CSA. Our quota for CSA 2017 is a little over \$20,905. We will remind the parish of the importance of donating to the Christmas collection and CSA, as these two collections are not taxed by the AOD and any amount that exceeds our CSA quota is kept in the parish. We will again sponsor a Cristo Rey student, the cost to the parish for this is \$7,500.

Salaries were reviewed (not specific amounts for any employee). Many areas of the budget are unpredictable (repairs, fuel). Mark Miller will further discuss finances, when he speaks at Masses later this month.

Beginning later this year, Detroit water department bills will be taxed. The non-permeable areas (buildings, parking lots, etc.) will be subject to this tax. Fran C. discussed how the “greening” of our property as well as other initiatives can help to reduce this tax. The budget was approved by council and will be submitted to AOD.

CSA: Chris M showed Council members donation forms and the proper way to complete them. Workers were assigned to each of the weekend Masses in May to help with collection of funds. Everyone needs to fill out their CSA form, whether or not they are donating. Kim was asked to create a “thermometer” chart so that parishioners will see our progress as we reach our goal.

Fran. C discussed the need for continued attention to diversity within the Nativity family. Many suggestions were discussed: do we need to have a “soup supper”?, form discussion groups? The council will continue discussion and welcome all suggestions from the parish. Goal is to implement new ideas 9/2017.

Harry spoke about 3% surcharge we would incur if we implemented the use of credit cards for donations. Are we ready for this? He will bring more info to June, 2017 council meeting.

Parish garden is doing well. We have encouraged gardeners to plant vegetables that could be shared with those who receive food from the pantry. Gazebo plan is coming soon (funds for this are in a separate account).

Sound system in church was discussed. The speakers are emitting an uneven sound and static. Coleman has added his recommendation that we look into this.

Council elections will be held on Pentecost Sunday.

Michelle updated the calendar re: Confirmation. Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 26 and will involve neighboring parishes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm