

Parish council minutes November 13, 2017

The council meeting was called to order by President Mark Miller. The October minutes were approved. Present: S. wois, D. Wois, K. Milligan, W. Adams, M. Miller.M. Johnston. T. Navara, C Kulchy, M.E.White, C. McLaughlin. H. Adams, H. Wimble, F. Carnaghi, T. Kraft, Br. Ray, T. McGratty

Absent: Airika

Christian Service: In the past month, 9 families have been assisted with rent, heat etc. We will have Trudy's energy report at our next meeting. An appeal was made for the donation of wrapping paper, ribbon, boxes for the children's Christmas gift program. The food pantry has served 100 families (232 persons)

Evangelization: Speakers have been chosen for 12/7/17 soup supper. the time is 6-8pm. Hermenia distributed book to PC members 'What's our message'. Distribution to parish at large will be discussed at January 2018 meeting. Other subjects discussed are: Will we add evangelization update to weekly bulletin? And the possibility of youth altar servers.

Social: no report except the possibility of a Mardi Gras/St Patrick day's party. The raffle will be held at this occasion.

Finance: upcoming meeting on 11/15/17

Special Liturgy: Advent programs have been planned. The monthly family night at St Charles has been going well. The nativity family is encouraged to attend. Bible study at St Charles is on a flexible schedule at St. Charles 6-8pm. See the bulletin for details.

Website and calendar: Br. Ray spoke with Joe Sergent. He reports that the parish domain has been renewed. Nativity is looking to expand the number of signers. Airika will contact Joe to coordinate this. Harry will continue to manage calendar. We will continue to publish info on parish website.

Diversity and Equality: Br. Ray noted that we need to continue to address racial issues. Questions: Have we made any progress? Are we open to change? Br. Ray introduced the name Augustus Tolton, who was the first Roman Catholic priest in the US publicly known to be black in 1886. He was unable to finish his education in the USA because of his race. Fran will look into prayer cards (like the ones we have had in pews and have been using at the end of mass for past months) to highlight his life? We had a lengthy discussion about how we might "right a wrong" in our own lives.

Old Business: Commitment Sunday: 66 forms were returned. Br. Ray will check on the need for a Nativity rep to vicariate. Friday night corner ministry is going well. All are welcome 9pm, outside the bakery. Fran agreed to bring get well cards to be sent to newly added names of those who are ill. They will be on the lectern in front of church. There will be no December meeting of the council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45