

Nativity Parish Council Minutes—January 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mark Miller. December, 2017 Minutes were approved.

Attendance: W. Adams, A. Buford, T. McGratty, C. McLaughlin, M. Miller, T. Novara, Brother Ray, ME White, H. Wimble, D. Wois, S. Wois

Excused: H. Adams, F Carnaghi, C. Kulchy, M. Johnston, T. Kraft

Christian Service: Chris gave the report. In the past month, SVDP has contributed \$2935.00 for rent, car repair, heat and water. The Christmas gift program was well received. The program gifted 265 families and 614 people. There were 409 children in the 2017 Christmas program. (We noted that we need more teen girl clothes and more people to wrap gifts in 2018.) Should the parish continue to prepare and deliver senior boxes to all seniors? Many council members agreed that instead of boxes, we send cards to seniors (made by RE students?). To be discussed fall 2018. The Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, February 18. The Homeless Shelter will be held the weekend of February 23-25.

Worship: 24 students are active in Religious Ed program. The program is preparing six children for confirmation. To date, we have no RCIA candidates. Martin Luther King Day plans are that both our youth and our adults will work in the city, passing out “blessing bags.” Alicia will sing at St Anne’s parish on 1/19/18. We discussed the Christmas Eve mass schedule. 10:00 pm mass on Christmas Eve brought 30 people to mass. (The inclement weather may have contributed to this small number). For Christmas 2018, we will have 5:00 pm Mass at Nativity and 8:00 pm at St. Charles. Council will again discuss the Christmas schedule later in 2018. John Thorne will speak at St. Charles on January 19, 2018. We discussed that the bulletin may soon highlight events at both St. Charles and Nativity

Evangelization: Meeting will be held on 1/10/18; will report at February meeting

Finance: ME White gave report. The capital improvements are completed for now. The Parish floors will be completed in 2018. Letter was sent to Land Bank regarding ownership of the Fr. Singer Garden property. We discussed moving the garden boxes onto parish grounds, will revisit this in spring 2018. The Nativity 400 raffle drawings will be done in church weekend of March 17-18

Social: St Patrick’s Day party is being planned.

Website: There were 467 visits to parish website for first week of 2018, highest number ever. Council agreed that we will support the website and parish will not have a Nativity Facebook presence. A. Buford will be working with H. Wimble and J. Sergeant to improve the website. The weekly bulletin will be published on the website.

CSA: W. Adams will work with T. Kraft to manage the CSA collections. Suggestions are that we provide increased privacy in the back of church for parishioners completing their paperwork; and that we encourage parishioners to consider using online giving.

Old Business: The Street Corner ministry continues each Friday from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend

New Business: Deacon Mike Chesley has met with Br Ray about the Chance for Life ministry. Deacon Mike works with both men and women who are re-joining the community after incarceration. There is a great deal of interest in this project and it will need the parish support also. Deacon Mike would like to administer this new program at Nativity, possibly using the choir sacristy for interviews etc. There will be many ways that the parish can help (Walmart gift cards, gathering of needed clothing etc.). Deacon Mike will provide us with more information regarding this ministry.