

Parish Council Minutes May 9, 2017

Present: Father Romano, Pat Feamster, Camille Cenci, Nancy Tarini, Connie Leach, Renee Williams, Pat Hadler and Joe Tose; Krista and Rob Joseph joined the meeting midway
Absent: Michael Riedenbach, Judi Beight

Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

General Business

Father reported a former Marble Cliff resident who recently passed away after moving to Florida has offered to donate a significant amount of money for the parish prayer garden. The donor's attorney was in touch with Fr. Romano and advised the family was in agreement with the planned use of the money – to provide new statuary for the prayer garden, replace the benches and beautify. Additionally, a sum will be set aside in the Catholic Foundation for upkeep of the garden.

Religious Education

Holy Thursday Mass – 8 second graders were candle bearers; 1 sixth grader worked with Debbie Oles to receive her First Communion during this mass.

Easter Mass – many religious ed children sang at the 9:30am mass.

Confirmation went very well. 35 children were confirmed by the Bishop.

First Communion was successful. The new seating of the children and their parents flowed well. Parents liked the focus on the children and the children were well behaved.

Sunday May 14th one boy (Kevin Welsh) and one girl (Marissa Gibson) from the 2nd grade will crown the Blessed Virgin Mary at the beginning of mass.

Sunday June 4th- Graduate blessing for the class of 2017 at 11:00 am Mass. Parish Council will host a cake reception in the PLC after the Mass. PC is buying 2 cakes. Coffee and donuts will be offered as well.

Audit of our Religious Education program took place today and we passed. A report from the Diocese will be sent to Fr. Romano.

Next Year:

Most staff are returning, a few are retiring. Krista is seeking volunteers for 6th grade. Steve Kennedy and Lisa Lenhart will no longer be teaching.

Classes begin Sunday, September 17th. Catechetical Sunday. Teachers will be asked to come to the 11:00am Mass for a special blessing.

Confirmation will be on Tuesday April 24th at 7pm with church rehearsal on Sunday April 22nd from 5:00-6:00pm.

First Communion will be on Sunday April 19th at 1:30pm with church rehearsal on Saturday April 28th from 9:00-10:00am.

Welcome and Bereavement

Camille reported there three bereavements with two upcoming.

Building and grounds

Fr. Romano will be selecting a committee to address plans for the new prayer garden statuary, benches, etc.

Social Action

Connie reported that St Vincent de Paul will do lunch packing for the open shelter on May 29th. Nothing is planned for June.

K of C: Elections are held in June. Saturday May 6th was the annual Measure Up campaign. K of C raised \$2200.00 for the Heinzerling Foundation.

Respect Life will be passing out prayer cards on May 13th and 14th for Mother's Day. The annual baby shower benefitting the Woman's Care center will be May 15th. Prayer cards will be provided for fathers at masses on Father's Day weekend.

YWCA – nothing until September

The 3rd Sunday of the month goes to McArthur Ohio or Holy Rosary/St. John. Krista shared there is food in the PLC that needs to go with the next drop 3rd Sunday collection.

Communication

Newsletter is complete and available hard copy in the vestibule. Some have arrived in the mail, some have not yet arrived. Discussion regarding whether or not all parishioners are on the mailing list. Discussion regarding whether or not email should be the method of delivery. Email at one time was used but older parishioners prefer hard copy and email is not always correct.

Liturgy Committee

Pat shared that decorating will be done for the Pentecost Mass on June 4th. Corpus Christi is June 18th and will include a procession. Mass of the Ascension will be held at 8:00am and 7:00pm. Appreciation was expressed for the plants being well-maintained and watered after the Easter celebration. Choir's last mass before summer break will be June 18th. Ushers are still needed for the 11:00am masses.

Old Business

Sound system – complaints due to difficulty hearing in the back of church and on the side near the Sacristy. Need to consider adding speakers. Also, the wireless microphone in the PLC is not working. Need to use the wired one but this is cumbersome. Rob and Jesse are to work together to assess the sound needs and hire a sound contractor.

Side door hinges (inside door) – still need to assess best solution.

Side door gap (outside door) – same person who fixed the back of church will fix the double doors on the side.

New Business

No elections for PC as only 3 volunteers found. These individuals will replace the 3 members who are ending their terms. New members: Wayne Kottman, Joe Tose and Patti Jackson.

Meeting ended with a prayer

Next meeting – Tuesday, June 13th at 7:00pm (last one for 2016/2017 Council)