

Minutes of the Parish Council
Thursday, February 15, 2018

(Members who were present are underlined)

Pastor	<u>Fr. Greg Miller, OSB</u>	Elected Representatives:	
Trustees	<u>Dean Merdan</u>	8/15-8/18	<u>Dan Backes</u>
	<u>Lori Fuchs</u>	8/15-8/18	Elaine Omann
Chair	<u>Michaela Roske</u>	8/16-8/19	<u>Michaela Roske</u>
Vice Chair	Vacancy	8/16-8/19	Joe Warner
Past Chair	<u>Dan Backes</u>	8/17-8/20 II	<u>Jason Mohs</u>
Director, Faith Form.	<u>Alyssa Maty</u>	8/17-8/20	<u>Joe Theisen</u>
Secretary	<u>Julie Ortloff</u>		
Finance Council: <u>Lori Fuchs</u>			
Parish Life Committee	Heidi Peternell	Liturgy Committee	Scott Wallner
Faith Formation Comm	<u>Alyssa Maty</u>	Social Justice & Ministry C	<u>Michael Roske</u>

Guests: Jarred Scholz, Mykaela Kappes, Lauren Kappes and Jody Kappes

Prayer

Approval of January Council Minutes. Michael R. made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Joe T. seconded it, the motion carried.

Unfinished Business & Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The Finance Council met prior to the Parish Council, some parish planning was discussed for looking to the future, nothing determined.

Faith Formation Committee: Alyssa reported that she has been working to establish environment changes upstairs. Updating the space and supplies. Making preparations for next year. Announced her leaving at the end of April. Announced a family fun day on March 25th at the Skatin' Place.

Liturgy Committee: The committee will meet on April 12th, everything is established for Lent/Easter.

Social Justice: The committee is busy promoting the Soup and Speaker series during Lent. Discussed Microfinance video which will be shown at Pentecost Masses.

Parish Life: Submitted reporting that events have been hosted: Senior Social and Lent Kick-off. March 10/11 will serve hospitality following anointing masses. March 20th will provide hospitality following First Reconciliation. Several other hospitality events are being planned: Easter Vigil, First Communion, High School Graduation, and the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist Pie Social.

New Business:

Future Parish Planning: Fr. Greg asked the council to work proactively to plan the future of our parish with fewer priests. The Diocese has asked parishes to make a recommendation for planning by the end of March. Fr. Greg would like to establish a plan for him to continue as pastor of both parishes until his retirement. Currently there are 57 priests for 131 parishes. Fr. Greg mentioned the imminent retirement of Fr. Jerome in St. Joe and the possibility of the restructuring of parish clusters. The Diocesan guide is that a given priest say three masses/weekend. Several options were discussed. Utilizing a Deacon, a Parish Life Coordinator, lay people, etc. The council found that communicating future parish planning with the parish at large to be most important. Discussing parishioners who might be interested in the Diaconate program. Offering a listening session to the parish, so they can ask questions and understand the future needs, offering a bulletin insert. We

discussed that overall twinning has gone well, but we have lost a number of parish members to St. Joe parish. **ACTION: Dan B. will develop a bulletin insert that offers some of the insight that the Visitor has been using, along with information about our parish and how we can continue to be a vibrant parish and move forward.**

Vice Chair Appointment: The Vice Chairperson assumes the role of Chairperson during the following fiscal year. No one volunteered, so this discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Michaela will be absent from the March Meeting, she appointed Jason Mohs to act temporarily **ACTION: Please prayerfully consider taking this role, if a selected representative will not take the role, it is opened to all current council members.**

Implementing Barbara Sutton's ideas: The January workshop was well received, and promising ideas were discussed, now we will need to implement the ideas. This discussion was tabled.

Creation of Stewardship and Welcoming Committee: Fr. Greg's suggestion was that the parish adopt a process for how we welcome new members to our parish. Due to lack of time, this discussion was tabled.

Adjournment: by Jason M.

Next meeting: March 15, 2018

Approved: