

Minutes of the Parish Council
Thursday, September 20, 2018

(Members who were present are underlined)

Pastor	Fr. Greg Miller, OSB	Elected Representatives:	
Trustees	Dean Merdan	8/16-8/19	<u>Michaela Roske</u>
	<u>Lori Fuchs</u>	8/16-8/19	<u>Joyce Abeln</u>
Chair	<u>Jason Mohs</u>	8/17-8/20 B	<u>Jason Mohs</u>
Vice Chair	Vacant	8/17-8/20	<u>Joe Theisen</u>
Past Chair	<u>Michaela Roske</u>	8/18-8/21	<u>Brian Posch</u>
Director, Faith Form.	Meghan Stretar	8/18-8/21	Greg Theisen
Secretary	<u>Julie Ortloff</u>		
Finance Council: <u>Dan Backes</u>			

Guest(s): Carol Jansky

Michaela motioned to approve the August 16, 2018 Council Minutes, Brian seconded the motion and it was approved.

Unfinished Business & Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: The Finance Council met prior to the Parish Council. Discussion of asphaltting the driveway and parking lot (part of the building funds) was discussed in detail by Tim Haeg. The Finance Council had approved the project to not exceed spending of \$125,000. Permissions were obtained from the Abbey Design committee, Sr. Council and the Vicar General. The Personnel committee is working on updating all job descriptions and employee evaluation forms. Stewardship campaign for late in November was also discussed.

Faith Formation Committee: Meghan submitted a report that nearly all registration forms have been received and final class rosters will be developed. A committee meeting will take place on October 8th at 7pm at the Local Blend.

Social Justice: minutes from their September 10th meeting were reviewed. the committee presented the first of possibly 7 bulletin inserts regarding voting. The guidelines from the USCCB were also discussed to make sure parish materials are following established parameters. Some areas of the written bulletin inserts were not acceptable to council members and didn't comply with the USCCB parameters. A motion was made to not publish or distribute the committee's bulletin inserts, but to make available the USCCB's bulletin inserts about Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. ACTION: Julie will print copies of the USCCB documents and place them on the table for anyone to take.

The committee also discussed doing more ministry-focused work including visiting parish shut-ins.

Parish Life: The parish picnic took place in August and was very successful. Turkey bingo will take place in November.

Liturgy Committee: Liturgical Ministry Day will take place on September 22 at St. Benedict's in Avon. Next meeting will be October 11th at 7:00pm.

New Business:

Sex Abuse Among Clergy: Fr. Ian explained his recent homilies for those who might not have heard. He wanted the parish council's advice on how to pastorally address this issue. We discussed the hurt, anger and bewilderment that people might be feeling as these allegations are announced in the news. The council recommended prayer, awareness, formation, and what resources are available. Fr. Ian explained the dynamic relationship between the Sacramental and Governance structures of

the Church. Council members were asked to be eyes and ears for the parish and to let Fr. Ian know if more information or a listening session perhaps, would be helpful. We must be hopeful for healing and change to happen in the church. A suggestion to add a weekly petition for healing and understanding.

Christmas Party: Just a reminder that our annual Parish Council Christmas Party will take place on December 7th, more information will follow.

Vice Chair is needed: We discussed the role of the Vice Chair and asked members to prayerfully consider, we will revisit this until the position is filled.

January Workshop: We are looking for suggestions for the 2019 parish and finance council workshop: Diocesan Planning, Growing Volunteers, Revise the Parish Handbook, How Committees and Councils work. Tabled further discussion until October.

Adjournment: by Joyce

Next meeting: October 18, 2018

Date Approved: _____