

# PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

## AUGUST 14, 2018

Opening Prayer: Fr. Kevin

In Attendance: Fr. Kevin, Carlos Hernandez, Robert Ferreira, Kathy Mitcheson, Mike Trumbull, Judy Reed, Johann Gray, Kathy Granucci.

Missing: Ann DeSantos

Fr. Kevin started the meeting asking us for anything we were thankful for and our praise stories. Several stories were shared including positive feedback on Fr. Kevin's sung blessing at the end of mass and a story from Jim Sebalaski about a woman who rides our bus to Mass having been healed of her blindness.

The Parish Council will read pages 1-15 (the introduction and preface) of Stewardship: A Disciple's Response. (<http://stewardshipli.org/lead/ICSC/Stewardship-A%20Disciples%20Response.pdf>) The council will discuss this at our next meeting as a time of on-going formation for the members. Mike Trumbull briefly explained the parish Legacy committee and Stewardship committees.

Fr. Kevin led a brief discussion on how the council sees its role. The consensus is that the council is both a "doing" and a "visionary" body.

Upcoming events:

- Pulpit swap with St. Mary's. The pastor from St. Mary's will be here the first weekend of Oct.
- Thanksgiving dinner-Kathy M and Kathy G will meet with Fr. Kevin
- Advent and Lenten mission possibilities were discussed. Possible topics: diversity & acceptance; cultural diversity; How to Keep Christ in Christmas; Back to basics: Bible – how to use & read, Salvation History, and Prayer
- Parish needs altar servers and EM's-especially the 8 am and 11:30 am mass on Sunday. Will be recruiting before and after mass the next two weekends.
- Family Faith Fest, Oct. 27: We have chartered a bus for 55 people. The group thought leaving around noon and returning after the Bishop's 4pm Mass would be the best times to attend. Additionally, Sacred Heart has agreed to provide 5+ parishioners to lead the rosary 2-2:30pm and parishioners to be responsible for adoration 2:30 to 3pm.

Policy on memorials was discussed. As part of this project the parish needs to compile a list of donors and items which have been given as memorials. Tom Myers was suggested as a possible resource for this.

The council discussed the diocesan initiative, "Courageously living the Gospel." Fr. Kevin shared some ideas of how we might implement it here. The diocese has asked all parishes to "relaunch" the initiative the weekend of Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Kevin will be attending diocesan training for this on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and training for parish leaders will be on Sept. 22, 9-3pm. Kathy Granucci and Carlos Hernandez will attend, along with Fr. Kevin and Lisa Gunnin.

Fr. Kevin outlined one initiative already in planning that ties into the evangelizing goal. This "in-pew" approach seeks to use the natural personality traits of outgoing parishioners to intentionally get to know the 10-15 people sitting around them at Mass.

Closing Prayer and blessing

Next meeting Tuesday Sept. 18th