

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting October 2, 2019**

Present: Fr. Peter Do (Pastor); Mary Ann Wheatley (Bookkeeper); Timothy Buckley (Chair); Bob Goens (Vice Chair); Chris Finzer; Betty French; Laura Tallent; Faye Johnson

Excused Absences: Chris Clements; Erin Maquire-Osting; Steve Gagel; Donna Kenney

Fr. Peter opened the meeting with the “Our Father”

Chair noted that there are 6 voting members present, so no quorum of voting members present. No official business may take place

Council reviewed minutes of August 21, 2019 meeting. Minutes received by council in the absence of a quorum

Received Written Committee Reports from Academy, CLOUT and Formation. Chris F. mentioned that his Formation report should include email. As supplemented, council received written reports in the absence of a quorum.

### **Transition Updates**

Tim provided the following updates on the Transition process: We are on track to complete the transition from Hikes Lane to Goldsmith Lane by the end of the year.

However, the Archdiocese has agreed to allow us to keep the offices on Hikes Lane. We are no longer scheduling meetings or activities on Hikes Lane after Nov 30, but there are a few scheduled gatherings for December. Our primary difficulty is finding space for all the ministries and activities on Goldsmith Lane, particularly until the new building is built. On September 28, the Transition Team met with all the stakeholders to figure out what spaces are needed and how to accommodate both school and parish activities.

Laura mentioned we need to develop a sign-in protocol for people on Goldsmith when school is in session.

Donna Kenney has been talking to Beuchel Park Baptist Church to temporarily house the Kids Cafe and some of the other Francis Center programs there. Our main priority is to go through items stored on Hikes, purge those things we don't need, and find space for storage on Goldsmith. It was suggested that we arrange a cleanup day to work on getting rid of things.

Sign – Mary Ann mentioned that sign company will buy back electronic sign for \$6K. We would receive more selling it directly. Sign company will dismantle and remove sign for \$650. Buyer would pay their own installation costs. Sign company will transfer 5-year warranty. We have someone who is interested in buying the sign, but we will also start advertising it to other parishes.

Following the last parish council meeting, Fr. Peter obtained permission from the Archdiocese to demolish the rectory and build a new rectory on site. The Parish Council approved the change in plans by email. Tim discussed the planning for the new rectory, including showing the counsel a suggested design and layout of the new rectory. The planning is being done by several members of the new construction committee. Tim

also mentioned that there is an issue with the garage behind the rectory. Since we need to demolish the rectory and rebuild, we may have to demolish the garages as well. There were questions about how much storage we will need and the size of the garage we need to replace it with.

The New Construction Committee is proceeding with interviewing architects for the new office building. The Committee has interviewed three architectural firms: VNBA; Keyes & Associates; and Gil Stien. The firms have until October 14 to submit proposals and bids. The New Construction Committee will review bids on Oct 15; and prepare a recommendation to the Council. Tim will circulate bids and recommendation to Council by email. We will plan to vote on recommendation by email. If there are questions, we will call a special meeting.

Turing to the Updating Current spaces, the painting of Goldsmith Lane Sanctuary is proceeding. Flooring for Altar/Choir area has been donated, but there is a delay on installing it. The statue of St. John Paul II has arrived. Will be unveiled for Feast Day/Installation Mass

The Council agreed that the update at September 22 Masses went well. We should continue to give updates when there is news to report. Tim will prepare updates, but asked other members to assist in giving them.

#### **Other Matters**

Question about whether we will be having a Ministries Fair. We agreed that there is too much going on now – maybe early next year.

Tim asked if there is any plans for a stewardship campaign. Mary Ann will ask when stewardship cards will be going out.

Chris F. asked about developing a Parish Life Committee to coordinate social activities and develop new activities to attract younger families. Chris F. will investigate developing a committee

#### **Upcoming Events**

October 19 is Fall Festival

November 16 is Trivia Night

**Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday November 13. Location will be on Goldsmith – Room TBA**

Tim closed meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Timothy Buckley