

Our Lady of Light Family of Parishes

Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday, 20 February 2024

Present: Dave Laurash, Michele Jakoboski, James Holahan, Fr. Brian Phelps, Skip Fromm, Carrie Naples, Jill Delaney Shal, Christine Winters, Betsy Brown, Megan Sparks, Raquel Von Handorf, Christine McGrath, Tony Deliberato, Jeanette Fromm, Leah Coghlan, Deacon Chris Rauch, Laura Robbins

Welcome and Opening prayer at 7:30 PM by Father Brian

Approve January minutes (Skipp Fromm, Carrie Naples) - approved by Council Members

Reports / Commission Updates

- Evangelization- Christine MCGrath
 - Working through rescue project, adding components
 - April 13th leadership summit will be an important day for anyone in a leadership position to hear what is being done with parish vision and beacons of lights.
 - 1st communion planned for Awaken program (2nd grade)
 - Summer Plans- Totus Tuus in June, VBC in July

- Worship- Tony Deliberato, Jeannette Fromm
 - Mission night- vigil project. Good support and advertising 7:00 with a 6:00 reception with snacks . Event in the church.
 - Some email exchanges trying to identify which type of camera to purchase for better quality.
 - Fr. Brian/ Deacon Chris- will take care of it
 - Palm Sunday Procession- full processions at both campuses.
 - Taize service was canceled because it did not get on the calendar due to a communication problem. Candlelight mass is still March 7th.
 - Soup and Stations at St. Francis, Stations at Incarnation.
 - Fr- Brian- idea to coordinate next year to have stations at different times at the different campuses.

- Love in Action- no report
- Principal's Report- Leah Coghlan
 - Ed. Choice scholarship 650 kids- awarded from the state, money can be used to make improvements with resources, teacher salaries.
 - Open house last week and this weekend. Not very many spots available. Running 96-98% capacity.
 - Will announce new tuition next week. Changing tuition model to per child vs. per family. Eliminating sibling discount, building up SGO to help families with increased costs.
 - Need office space. Finance gave go ahead to explore renovations.
 - Michele- 8th graders delivered food from Food for all collection drive to 3 local pantries.

- Finance- Deacon. Chris
 - Up around \$25,000 in January
 - Leak inside St. Francis (window), capital improvement funds will cover this repair.

- Strategic Planning Report- Mike Hoendorf
 - Finished with planning phase, moving into implementation.
 - Over 200 people have taken part
 - Presented ISPD information to leadership.
 - 8 implementation teams will be created (60-80 people)

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- Dave Laurash- does the council need to approve the strategic plan moving forward?
- Fr. Brian- no, but it would be good to get the council's feedback.

Oll Family Reports/Updates- Deacon. Chris

- Staff Reports
 - Streamlining of phone system
 - Archbishop approved the contract for Incarnation roof replacement.
 - Fr. Brian- sacraments always take precedent over everything else, including maintenance projects.
- Pastor's Report/ Beacons of Light Update- Fr. Brian
 - Lent Prayer Opportunities
 - penance services coming up, Fr. Brian leading two night of "Unpacking the mass." 7th and 14th of March
 - Can try to stream.
 - Ash Wednesday Review
 - approx 3200 attended, 4:30 mass and school mass were very full.
 - Betsy- a great ash Wednesday, nice start to lent.
 - Jill- felt like a transport back to the 80's when everything was packed.
 - Need to think about how to schedule masses for next year that relieves some of the imbalance, perhaps take the school mass off the list of parish masses for safety reasons.
 - Carrie- at one-point, different grades would go to different masses to spread out.
 - Leah- plenty of space before so went back to all at one mass but was crowded for Ash Wednesday.
 - Leaning on hospitality to welcome people
 - Jill- at 4:30 mass, a person was talking during the mass, but was talking about whether they belonged in the church- ways to handle that better in the future.
 - The complaint on both campuses is people wanting a quiet place to pray, but there are conversations going on behind them.
 - Disciple Maker Index
 - Surveys close next Monday, would like to get more surveys completed in the next week.
 - Pastor is most common reason people will suggest others go to their parish.
 - Jeanette- some more definitions of some of the words in the survey would have been helpful.
 - Fr. Brian- left open-ended intentionally.
 - Mike Hoendorf- staff sending emails to specific people to drive up participation.
 - Fr. Brian- Youth want to have their voice out there but don't get the opportunity- High Schoolers can participate in the survey.
 - Vision and Culture Discussion
- Old Business
 - Parish Directory Lead
 - Michele- rather than a directory, a way to remember and celebrate the history of the parishes. Save stories, etc.
 - Michele will be in charge of contacting groups to get information. Jill and Megan will help
- New Business
 - Hospitality Ambassadors

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- Dave- be present, be an ambassador for parish council.
 - Skip- is there a way to get lanyards or name tags for council members to wear to events?
 - Fr. Brian and Deacon Chris- will talk to Heidi about getting lanyards for pastoral council members.
- Leadership Summit April 13, 2024 8:30 am- 1:00 pm
 - Anyone is invited, lunch follows.
 - possible strategic planning in the afternoon.

Adjournment (Jill, Betsy)

Closing prayer: 8:37 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 19th, 2024