

Our Lady of Light Family of Parishes

Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

Present: Dave Laurash, Michele Jakoboski, James Holahan, Skip Fromm, Carrie Naples, Betsy Brown, Megan Sparks, Raquel Von Handorf, Christine Winters, Leah Coghlan, Deacon Chris Rauch, Laura Robbins, Mike Hoendorf, Jill Shal, Lisa Grunkenmeyer

General List of members/representatives (for attendance): 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, Lisa Grunkenmeyer, Christine McGrath, Tony Deliberato, Stacy Stang, Jeanette Fromm, Leah Coghlan, Deacon Chris Rauch, Mike Hoendorf, Fr. Joseph Chinnabathini, Jeff Stricker

Welcome and Opening prayer at 7:30 p.m. - Deacon Chris Rauch

Approve February minutes (Skip, Jill) - approved by council.

Reports / Commission Updates

- Evangelization- no report
- Worship- no report.
- Love in Action- Michele Jakoboski
 - In process of recruiting Core team members for Edge and LifeTeen, current year ends on May 5th with a carnival and concert.
 - Summer programs in June
 - Father-Son-Clergy Cookouts May 25th and June 8th
- Finance- Deacon Chris Rauch
 - Meeting in two weeks to look over 3rd quarter reports and recommend a budget
 - Going full speed ahead converting rectory at Incarnation back to office space.
 - Both campuses have ample funds in their capital improvement funds to cover this work.
- Principal's Report- Leah Coghlan
 - Things are going well at the school, only replacing 4 contracted individuals (counselor, nurse, teachers)
 - Adding a counselor, speech pathologist and a social media director.
 - Currently interviewing and offering contracts
 - Some potential construction at the school over the summer to increase office space and space for services. Working with an architect to get some drawings and preliminary numbers.
 - Improved internet bandwidth has been great.
- ISPD Strategic Planning Report- Mike Hoendorf
 - Now finalizing the implementation teams, where we are going with it, how we are going to measure success.
 - In May, everything will be released to the family, implementation teams launched, and work expected to begin in earnest in August.
 - Implementation teams will likely be run by staff members, with volunteers participating on the committees.

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OLL Family Reports/Updates- Deacon. Chris

- Staff Reports
 - New parishioner counts are currently separate for the two campuses, will be combined in new database system.
 - Numbers for Holy Week were very large. Easter masses were crowded, especially at Incarnation. Number of masses and use of the parish center was limited by the allowable number of daily masses for the priests. (Deacon Chris)
- Pastor's Report/ Beacons of Light Update- Dave Laurash
 - transition document.
- Old Business
 - History Project (Michele Jakoboski)- follow-up on getting contact information for parishioners who have a lot of knowledge of parish history.
- New Business-
Michele Jakoboski:
 - Need to figure out the meeting location for next year. General consensus is to keep meetings on St. Francis campus.
 - We will be having elections again for members as we will have openings due to terms ending and moves out of the area. Council members are asked to come up with names of good candidates and start talking to people about the opportunity.
 - Pastoral Council Retreat (half-day)- Theme: Belonging, Becoming, Believing. Michele is working on finding a retreat leader, retreat in August.
 - Carrie Naples- suggestion of a Rescue Project with council. Further discussion of this at future meetings.

Dave Laurash:

- Leadership Summit Feedback
 - Betsy- Good Information, it was difficult to hear at times.
 - Good attendance- just over 100 people not including staff (Dave)
 - The Rescue Project will be a centrally important opportunity for our parishioners. Can organize with established groups, challenge will be to invite those who are not already involved in some other group. (Dave)
 - Multiple opportunities over the summer, then starting in the fall, all Bible study opportunities will be through the rescue project.
- Parish Family Picnic- Mike Hoendorf
 - Saturday, August 24th at St. Francis, 4-7 PM. Will include an outdoor mass, games, concert, exposition, and incorporate the youth kickoff. The culmination of the work from the summer. Looking for someone to chair the event. Would the council partner with the staff to help run this? Planning would start sometime over the summer: kid's games, food, parking, etc.
 - Lisa- food trucks are an option. Potluck two years ago was difficult to organize.
 - Dave- this is same weekend as the Bellbrook Lion's Club Festival
 - Mike- Date conflicts were unavoidable.
 - Lisa, Skip- it's a good idea for council to be involved
 - Mike will inform the staff then come to the next meeting with the specific "asks" for discussion and planning.

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Adjournment at 8:35 p.m. (Carrie, Lisa)

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2024