

Our Lady of Light Family of Parishes

Parish Council Minutes

Tuesday, 21 May 2024

Present: Dave Laurash, Michele Jakoboski, Skip Fromm, Carrie Naples, Betsy Brown, Raquel Von Handorf, Christine Winters, Leah Coghlan, Deacon Chris Rauch, Laura Robbins, Jeannette Fromm, Jill Shal, Christine McGrath, Christen Aquino, Fr. Brian Phelps

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. - Fr. Brian

Approve February minutes (Skip, Betsy) - approved by council

Reports / Commission Updates

- Evangelization-Christine McGrath
 - 180 1st communicants across 16 masses, received good feedback
 - VBC and Totus Tuus being planned
 - Rescue project finished another session, retreat last weekend. In planning stages for fall sessions and home groups
 - Summer “pray and play” at the park for younger families.
- Worship- Jeannette Fromm
 - Discussed Divine Mercy Sunday at last meeting. Well attended, long lines for confessions.
 - No live streaming at Incarnation until new video equipment is installed (per fire Marshall)
 - Corpus Christi June 1st following 11:00 mass, no 11:30 mass at Incarnation.
 - Family day, Eucharistic miracles display, procession, exposition, benediction
 - Worship commission is being reinvented/restructured using a core team model. Teams are:
 - Church decor
 - general intercession
 - liturgical ministers
 - hospitality
 - special events
- Love in Action- see New Business
- Finance-
 - Getting close to combining budgets. Information has been entered into a common file.
 - In great shape for this fiscal year and next
 - Getting ready to hire a new maintenance supervisor for both campuses.
- Principal's Report- Leah Coghlan
 - Things are going well to end the school year
 - Still looking for a kindergarten and 5th grade teacher, please put interested people in touch with Leah
 - DC trip went well
 - Fr. Brian- plans to transform one classroom and part of the technology lab to create additional office and conference space and therapy space with appropriate privacy and volume control. Over \$25,000 (est. \$150,000) or so will need to be approved by council and finance commission. School hopes to borrow this money from Incarnation and pay it back, likely within 3-4 years or sooner.

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Needs to be done before next school year to avoid having to spend money on a temporary solution in addition to this project.

Motion to Approve the renovations to Incarnation School as discussed: (Betsy, Jill)

Vote to approve: Skip Fromm, Laura Robbins, Betsy Brown, Christine Winters, Jill Shal, Raquel Von Handorf, Michele Jacoboski, Carrie Naples

No: 0 Abstain: 0

- ISPD Strategic Planning Report- Fr. Brian
 - Letters have been sent out for implementation teams

OLL Family Reports/Updates- Deacon. Chris

- Staff Reports
 - no questions
- Pastor's Report/ Beacons of Light Update-
 - Fr. Brian filled in with some confirmation masses due to the Archbishop's health. Archbishop will continue in his role until the end of 2024.
 - Doing reviews of beacons of light reports for all parishes in the deanery. Overall things are moving forward.
 - PAC Rooms and chapel- great need for additional space
 - plan for using one of the PAC rooms for the pre-school
 - The chapel is not canonically a chapel. Used for daily mass, but space was never consecrated. Altar is consecrated and would need to be moved, but it could still be used for outdoor masses, extra masses, etc. Vestments and vessels would be moved to the main sacristy. Crucifix would stay, would need a ruling on the tabernacle. The room must still be used for prayer and religious purposes. It would not be used for secular activities. Mass has not been celebrated regularly in the chapel for four years, and it is too small to house daily masses with their current attendance numbers. Feedback request: Could this space be used to help provide more room for parish classes?
 - Christine W.- it would be important to make sure to make it clear that it would be used for sacred purposes only
 - Skip- important to balance the great need for space with current uses.
 - Betsy- education on canon law related to sacred spaces (what is a "chapel"?) could be an important prelude to discussions.
 - Review of transition document
 - 3 phases through July 1, 2027- Belonging, Believing, Becoming
 - Christine- ministries could play a part in the transition process
 - Fr. Brian- A lot of work to do to reach more into the community to communicate and do emotional work.
 - Skip- work needed to communicate the St. Francis what it means to be part of a parish that has a school. Also, structure of St. Francis is different from a diocesan parish. More work is needed to bridge the two approaches.
 - Fr. Brian- school-parish collaboration is a goal for ISPD.
 - Betsy- assurances needed that school and community can both be held to be equally important and valued.

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- Old Business- Michele Jakoboski
 - History Project- update next month
 - Parish Council elections- 7 people are interested so far, information will be in bulletin, people can self-nominate.

- New Business-
 - PC Retreat and Rescue Project- Michele Jakoboski
 - Retreat Saturday, Aug 3 8:30-1:30
 - Rescue Project Tuesdays 9/24, 10/8, 10/28, 6:30-9 @St. Francis Campus
 - Rescue Project Family-wide retreat 11/9

 - Parish Picnic- Christen Aquino
 - August 25, 2024
 - Sarah Kroger Concert, Life Teen and EDGE kickoff, Adoration and Worship
 - Tasks/help still needed:
 - Food and Beverage set up, food line directions
 - First aid tent
 - Parking team captain
 - Hospitality team captain
 - Merchandise tent
 - Trash empty/pickup
 - Family lawn games (Corn hole, ladder ball, volleyball)
 - Council members will discern where they would like to help out by our June meeting.

- Deacon Chris- Invitation to stay after 11:00 mass this weekend to be in a parish video (drone filming)

Adjournment at 9:10 p.m. (Carrie, Skip)

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 18, 2024