

Parish Council Meeting
November 20, 2018
7:00pm, Faith Formation Building

Members Present: Dave Mann, Jenny Hall, Katie Ausdemore, Joanne Grote, Scott Konz, RaeShelle Jensen, Fr. Daniel Danso, Deacon Scott Brooks

Members Absent: Matt Brummett, Liz Lyons, Amy Ausdemore, Bernie Koch

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was amended to include Trustee Information.

Review of Meeting Minutes: October meeting minutes were approved, as written.

Old Business:

A) Tim Spiker--Rosary Garden:

Timeline: Start fundraising in December and complete the project July 2019 with a dedication ceremony at the end.

Cost & Stones: The estimated cost of the Rosary Garden including a statue of Mary would be approximately \$23,000. All pieces would be monument quality granite, and Sondag Monument will do the granite work. To finance the Rosary Garden, Tim plans to sell 59 stones at \$250 each and do fundraising for the remaining \$10,000. The stones will have an Irish decorative border in honor of St Patrick's Irish heritage. Stones can be engraved to have individuals names' or a family name on them. The cross will be engraved with Fr. Danso's name and the year the garden was put in place. Fundraising ideas he had are: pancake, chili, or spaghetti feed; bake sale; Parents Night Out; community night at a Council Bluffs restaurant; and setting up a booth at the Fish Frys. Tim is confident that he will be able to raise all \$23,000 in time to have the project completed by July 2019.

Presenting Info to the Parish: He would like to present his ideas at Mass on Dec 1, 2, 8, 9. (Later in the night, it was determined that Dec 8 & 9 will conflict with a BACA presentation, RaeShelle will let Tim know that he could do Dec 1, 2, 16, 17, if he would like.) The Council advised that his presentation be concise, he have color photos for people to see what they are getting, and he do a "trial run" before presenting. The church will provide the screen, but he will have to provide the projector and computer. He will also create a presentation board that he can display at the Fish Frys and/or the various feeds he may do.

Needed from St Patrick's: Volunteers to help install the garden, possibly dirt work to level the site, One Call before installation, location for project, advice for good perennials, Rosary shape

Statue of Mary: There was discussion of having a bronze statue instead of a granite statue. The Council would like to have a picture of what the statue of Mary will look like before deciding that they will go with the granite statue. Tim will provide a picture of the statue to the Council.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Rosary Garden with space for a statue of Mary. Motion carried 5-0.

B) Statue of Mary Cost: Jenny advised that a bronze statue of Mary is \$5,000

C) Sound System Update

Bonsall's did not have a bid available. RaeShelle will email out the bid once she receives it.

Sound & Service's bid was competitive (see attached) but the Council had a couple of questions regarding Bose speakers, the wiring, and churches for us to visit. RaeShelle emailed out the response to the questions to the Council on Nov 21.

Before committing to a bid, the Council would like to go visit the parishes that each have worked on so they can see and hear the work and also talk with church staff to see how the entire process went. Council also discussed possibly having the bidders come to a joint meeting with Finance Council to explain their bids. RaeShelle will contact both places to find out church names and the Council will work to find a time to visit churches. Item tabled to January meeting or special meeting, if necessary.

D) All Saints Festival Update The final numbers are not in to compare to last year; however attendance was up and many positive comments were heard. The Confirmation students did an excellent job helping with the event. The festival will happen again next year.

New Business:

A) Parish Council Vision: Council discussed ways to make the parish more welcoming. Fr. mentioned asking people to introduce friends/family who are visiting or introduce themselves if they are visiting. The idea to write welcome notes to those married in the church was brought up. There was also an idea for Welcoming Idea. A handout was distributed from when John Gaffney came. It is geared toward adolescents; however, it can be adapted to adults. Discussion was tabled to January meeting and everyone is to come back with ideas.

B) Adult Faith Formation: Discussion from Parish Council Vision blended with this topic, including possibly forming a committee so it's a parish wide movement. The Adult Bible Study classes haven't been well attended. Fellowship will move over to the Adult Bible Study in the Faith Formation to try to increase attendance. Discussion was tabled to January meeting and everyone is to come back with ideas.

C) Formed: Council is pleased with the usage of Formed so far. We will plan to do a relaunch during Lent. Katie will ask Liz if she would do a testimonial in January (she said she would speak on the Rosary and Formed) and Jenny will talk with Jean Hoffmaster to see if she will do a testimonial in February. Prepare the Way will be the Bible Study focus on Formed. RaeShelle will make an insert for the bulletin so the Parish knows about the Bible Study and has pinned it to the St Pat's page on Formed.

D) Advent Project: Scott Brooks explained BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) to the Council and the mission for the group is to protect children who are currently victims of child abuse. After discussion, he recommended that the group do a toy drive for the children. Council asked him to have a representative come talk with the Parish on Dec 8 & 9 so that people are aware of what the organization is and who the toy drive will benefit. It was moved and seconded that the Advent Project be a toy drive for BACA with the option for people to contribute monetary donations, as well. Motion carried 5-0.

E) Sacramental Prep Classes: Father received some concerns from regarding the classes and he will have a meeting with the Directors to address the concerns.

F) Replace vacancy: After discussion, the Council decided to not replace Stacie Denning's vacancy at this time.

G) Next meeting: is scheduled for January 15, 2019 @ 7pm in the Faith Formation Building, unless we receive the bid from Bonsall's and we need to have a special meeting before then to discuss the sound system.

H) Trustee: RaeShelle informed the Council that they needed to elect a female Trustee since the Finance Council elected a male Trustee. The term is 3 years. It was moved and seconded to elect Joanne Grote as Trustee. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned: It was moved and seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:45pm. Motion carried 5-0.