

Parish Council Meeting
March 18, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Faith Formation Building

Members Present: Dave Mann, Joanne Grote, Liz Lyons, Fr. Danso, Jenny Hall, RaeShelle Jensen

Members Absent: Katie Ausdemore, Scott Konz, Matt Brummett

Call Meeting to Order: Called to order at 7:01 p.m., led in prayer by Fr. Danso.

Approval of Agenda: No changes.

Review of February Meeting Minutes: Dave noted that a change from "Bose" Engineer should be made to read "TBL" Engineer (speaker system). Motion made, seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

A. How do we make the church more welcoming?

1. Discussed that attendance in church on Sunday mornings has increased, so keep doing what we are doing. The posts that RaeShelle has been putting on Facebook are good, which she received from Katie. RaeShelle asked for these to keep coming when we come across one and she will post it.
2. When we see new faces in church, introduce ourselves and welcome them.

B. Adult Faith Formation – How do we increase attendance?

1. Jenny commented that we need to look at taking baby steps and we are moving in the right direction. Ten years ago, there was none; it is slowly growing by people inviting other people. The Ablaze was amazing, lots of people there with the kids going up to the altar, going to confession and they were doing this on their own. Be more verbal about inviting.
2. Joanne Grote commented that 6:30 is sometimes too early for people working in the city, possibly look at bumping time to 7 p.m.
3. Jenny Hall mentioned having a better sign outside of our parish, like the one down at the bank. RaeShelle Jensen said she has asked the finance council for one of these before and it was vetoed.
4. Discussion held about people being too busy for God? Facebook catches some people not in church and the bulletin catches those in church. Maybe we need to ask parents if they are having difficulty explaining things to their children?
5. Liz Lyons discussed doing her testimony at church, wants to tie into the rosary as well and that it changes you and things around you. Working on it but needs to fine tune it.
6. Jenny Hall commented that before education as an adult, going to church on the weekend made her feel good, but now she wants to go daily and looks forward to going to mass. Jenny talked about the Alpha Program and that it would be great if we could get someone to lead that here in our parish. It is currently being used at St Mary's in Avoca and St Gerald's in Omaha.
7. Joanne Grote mentioned just picking up the phone and inviting people to adult education; will place a call to Marsha Wellman because she had once mentioned being interested.
8. Holy Week was discussed.

- C. **Projector Update:** This was mentioned to see if Liz or Jenny had talked to their sons about the projector. Liz's son Devin said the bid was too high and Jenny said her son might be willing to help and certainly has the knowledge for it. Jenny mentioned the goal was to have a screen set up to show Divine Mercy videos, but that we need a screen that will fit everywhere. Dave asked about the videos being captioned and Jenny will check on that. Roger and Jenny can try to get to Nebraska Furniture Mart to price out projectors. It was felt that we would not need a laser projector. Screen for church and hall would need to be about 16' wide. Dave asked Jenny to text him if they came up with a projector/screen after looking at NFM and with input Jenny and Liz's sons.

New Business:

A. May Crowning: Have a ceremony? Do we want to do anything with it this year?

1. It was mentioned that we should do something similar to what Bernie did with the First Communion kids last year.
2. RaeShelle mentioned there was a statue of Mary in the basement.
3. Jenny Hall mentioned next year when the Rosary Garden is done bringing flowers to Mary and processing in.

B. New Members for Pastoral Council

1. Dave and Jenny have their 3 year terms expiring. Dave will have to go off with the June mtg, he has been on too long by the diocese guidelines (a member may hold two 3-year terms, then must go off for six years before coming back on). Jenny?
2. Discussion on who we could invite to join: Jean Hoffmeister, Chad Harder, Roger Hall, Norm Baker (but he might work nights), Max Kozeal, Brock/Rachel ?, Kurt/Maria Gross, Joe Turner, Brad or LeAnn Payne, Dave Kramer.

C. MOHM'S Place meals

1. March 29th meal was cancelled since this is a fish fry night and were unable to get enough people to help with it.
2. May 31st – Mark and Geri Bjorling need a sub for this night. It was decided to ask in the bulletin for a couple of weeks to see if anyone would be interested in leading this meal and see if there was a response. Great if someone is willing. If nobody responds to the request in the bulletin after a couple weeks, cancel the meal with MOHM'S Place so they have enough time to get another group to work that meal.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2019 @7 p.m. in the Faith Formation Building

Motion made to adjourn meeting and seconded @ 7:38 p.m.