

Parish Council Minutes – August 23, 2017

Meeting Opening

President Dan Rubin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room. Rubin read the mission statement and Fr. Houlihan led the group in prayer.

In Attendance: Fr. Houlihan, Fr. David, Sue Stevens, Dan Rubin, Joe DiSomma, Carol Tilson, Patti Wynne, Liz Rubin, Deb Walton, Linda Monahan, Cathy Thayer, Donette Koelzer, Melicca Carpenter

Also in attendance were parishioners Jim Ulrich, Donna Tilson and Shirley Shotkoski

Absent: Brandon Finn and Mike Bridges

Walton read the minutes from the July Parish Council meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion carried and was approved.

Old Business

- Parish Council bylaws were sent to Scott Koezler. A group comprised of Strategic Planning Pillar Leads, Parish Council, School Advisory Board and the Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 13 to review the bylaws from governing groups, identify overlap and/or gaps and determine changes to be submitted for Fr. Houlihan's approval.
- How can the Parish Council support the strategic plan implementation efforts? Monahan suggested the group attend the Pillar meetings led by leads from the Strategic Planning Committee.
- How will the PC be updated on development and fundraising activities, such as Fall Festival and Spring Dinner throughout the year to offer guidance, and support as well ensure coordinated and consistent communication? How do we become better coordinated with events and fundraising efforts at the parish/school? Do we have a process for approving common promotions and solicitation of money to parishioners?

School Advisory Council/Strategic Planning:

- School enrollment is at 145 students, up from previous year, 98 families in which 11 are non-catholic families.
- A form was developed to track families Stewardship hours.
- A StJB alumni fundraising event will be Sept. 30 – Backyard BBQ/Cornhole Tournament. Proceeds support the school.

Evangelization:

Nothing new to report.

Liturgy:

Renee Spika will be meeting with Fr. Houlihan. Children's choir will start back up.

PCC:

Group does not meet in summer. Meetings will resume Sept. 21st. Committee will begin planning the Christmas Corner event.

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Youth Group:

Exploring the opportunity to bring back "Coffee Sunday."

Catholic Daughters (CDA):

We will no longer have donuts after Sunday mass.

Finance Council:

Fr. Houlihan will be asking parish to tithe.

Building/Maintenance:

Jim Ulrich gave an update on the proposed church projects and costs prepared in 2012 by the Facilities Design Committee. The committee will put together a revised Master Plan for the PC to review in November.

Publicity:

Efforts are underway to promote the annual Fall Festival event.

New Business

- Walton provided an update on our website agreement with 9th Hour Design, including the renewal fees for Domain name, hosting site and security. Fees will come due in October and will total \$900 (cost is for CHS and StJB websites). Walton will begin making small updates to content on Parish site. Walton asked for volunteers willing to meet and discuss a future vision and process for the site.
- Donna Tilson shared an idea for engaging former StJB alumni through direct mail and other communication efforts. Tilson shared an example of a letter from a Murray church (copy of the letter is on the last page).

Closing

Fr. David closed with farewell wishes and thanks to the PC, followed by a closing prayer. Fr. David will be leaving the parish next month to begin a new assignment back home in Ghana. A farewell celebration for Fr. David will take place Sept. 17 following 10:30 a.m. Mass. The meeting concluded at 8:01 pm.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room.

----- ACTION ITEMS ASSIGNED FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING -----

TASK	ASSIGNED TO:	COMMENTS:
Schedule meeting to discuss Bylaws with small group from PC, FC, SAB and Pillar Leads	Dan Rubin	Completed – meeting scheduled for 9/13 at 7 pm.
Meeting to map vision for content, identify content roles and process for Parish Website	Deb Walton	In progress
Invite Pillar Leads to PC meetings	Dan Rubin	Completed

Liberty United Methodist Church
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Respected friends of the church:

We are contacting you on behalf of *Liberty United Methodist Church in Mynard, Nebraska* for the purpose of reaching out to our *past members and attendees*. As you may or may not already know, our church has been in need of some renovations. While some of the renovations have been completed, there is still a need for additional improvements to include new flooring and other updates for the kitchen, new gutters and a new back door.

The current budget for the renovations has been exceeded and we are therefore reaching out to our extended community. We are still in need of additional funds to complete the renovation projects for the church. We hope this letter is not in vain and pray that God leads you to support both financially and with prayer to help satisfy this budget. If you are unable to support financially at this time, we would greatly appreciate your prayers. If you do feel led to contribute financially, please note that any checks should be made payable to Liberty United Methodist Church with "renovation" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Jean Wiles, 220 Hwy 66, Plattsmouth, Ne 68048.

We greatly appreciate your time, your prayers, and your consideration; and pray that God leads you back to our church soon.

In Christ,

Liberty UMC Renovation Committee