

SAINT CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Saint Charles Parish- Breslin Center

February 26, 2019

6: 30 PM

In Attendance

Father Michael Breslin, John McCormick, Evelyn Witek, Joe Witek, Maureen Bochman, M. Leticia Rodriquez, Chris Bannon, Irene Henderson, Mary Ann Silvestro, Joan Natali, Mary Beth Briggs, Carol Hutchings, John Rathz, Annie Abraham, Keith Abraham, Marion Simonsen, Herb Thom, Jeanette Orzo, Jacqueline Smith, Chico Golibart, Jeffrey Rathz

Absent

Andi McCready, Mark Nunez, Bob Toner, Eric Angora, Terry Strub, Michael Strub

Call to Order at 6:35 by John McCormick

There was no reading.

Approval of minutes from January 22, 2019 after corrections made. Motion made by Joan Natali, second by Mary Beth Briggs.

Financial Report: John Rathz

John reported that there is \$15,600 in our budget. We are \$6,700 over budget at present. There is \$79,000 in the Preservation Fund. A good part of this money will be spent on rectifying the Breslin Hall basement water problem.

Irene is working for accurate ministry reports by mid-March. If there is a need to increase a ministry budget, it needs to be approved by Fr. Michael. To obtain an increase, you just need to explain the need.

Ministry Reports:

- 1) Archive – Marge Surran. Absent No report.
- 2) Ecumenical – Mary Beth Briggs

Mary Beth reported that Good Friday services will be held on April 19th in the park, weather permitting.

Father invited the Episcopal Parish to join us for Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 9:30 and 7pm.

- 3) Facilities Management – Eric Angora absent – No report

John reported that that he received the results of the Topography Survey. It will be studied and discussed.

4) Helping Hands - Joan Natali

Joan reported that one family at Heritage Acres received food this month. Barbara Ruffin, the outreach person at ESRH, is supporting 5 homeless families. Joan would like to support her, as needed. Barbara cannot pay for medicine. Council supported Joan in doing this. Tom suggested asking Lloyd Kellum, who might be able to give us a discount. Blankets are also needed.

5) Hispanic Ministry – Leticia Rodriguez

- The third Sunday of each month will be a youth mass. A youth group was started with Liz Guildo as leader.
- Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7pm starting March 8th. There will be a live Stations of the Cross at the beach on Good Friday at 7pm. Father reminded her that that is the time he will have Mass.
- Leticia asked if anything further can be done for the family whose house burned down. John directed her to talk to Joan.

6) Migrant Ministry – Terry Strub- No report. Absent.

7) Parish Life – Marion Simonsen.

Marion reported that the funeral for Mary Harlow was well attended. Father reported that a mass for Michael Mlodynia will be celebrated on May 18th at 11am. The wake will be the previous evening.

8) Religious Ed - Annie Abraham / Keith Abraham

Annie reported that there are 3 candidates for Confirmation and 5 to 6 for First Communion. Confirmation will be at St. Peters on May 4th at 10 am. First Communion will be on April 28th during the 10am Mass.

The Religious Education children will have a alms giving jar in the back of the church during Lent. The proceeds will go to the Pregnancy Center.

9) Fund raising - Carol Hutchings

Carol reported that the St. Valentine's dinner was canceled due to a lack of participation.

Instead of many small fund raisers, she decided on 3 large fund raisers:

Ecumenical Rummage sale will be held on June 1st.

A bake sale at the Crabby Blue Festival will also be held on June 1st.

Last year's raffle will be repeated, with 300 tickets being sold at \$100 a ticket. It will start on Memorial Day and extend to October. She will try to extend the sale of tickets into the community.

10) Social Ministry – Michael Strub. No report

Joan Natali reported that a box will be placed in the back of the church during Lent for alms giving. Proceeds will be used to supplement the Helping Hands budget.

11) Worship Ministry – Chris Bannon

- Chris asked for 12 volunteers for Holy Thursday for the washing of the feet, which he received.
- During Lent, there will be a 5:15 mass on Wednesdays and a “light” Lenten Dinner following Mass in Breslin Hall. A sign-up sheet was passed around for a simple meal preparation.
- Chris asked if the Eucharistic ministers can take ashes and communion to shut-ins. In order to do this, we need to know who the shut-ins are. Irene will put a notice in the bulletin.

12) New Office Info. – Irene Henderson

- Irene passed around a coffee and donut sign-up sheet.

Irene received a list of all ushers and will notify them of a meeting on updating security.

- A Parish appeal Chairperson is needed for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Irene reminded us that our parish benefits from this collection.

Old Business:

- 1) Mike Strub volunteered to chair the Election Committee.

New Business:

- 1) Chris Bannon and Herb Thom volunteered for readers for May and June.

2) John discussed a mini retreat being offer to our church from St. Monica Ministry. It will consist of 2 short sessions on a Friday evening and Saturday morning and is scheduled for March 29th and March 30th. It will focus on a healing, prayerful response for loved ones and friends of alienated Catholics.

Secretary’s Time: Evelyn Witek. Clarification of notes taken – all okay

Pastors Time and closing prayer: Father led us in the closing prayer.

Adjourned at 7:50 PM. Motion was made by Chris Bannon second by Joan Natalie.

I, Evelyn Witek, as Parish Council Secretary, have taken these minutes and believe them to be correct for the meeting date indicated.

Evelyn Witek

Date