

# **SAINT CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Saint Charles Parish- Breslin Center

January 22, 2019

6: 30 PM

## **In Attendance**

Father Michael Breslin, John McCormick, Evelyn Witek, Joe Witek, Maureen Bachmann, Bob Toner, M. Leticia Rodriguez, Chris Bannon, Irene Henderson, Mary Ann Silvestro, Joan Natali, Mary Beth Briggs, Carol Hutchings, Terry Strub, Michael Strub, Joan Natali, John Rathz - FC, Annie Abraham, Keith Abraham, Marion Simonsen

## **Absent**

Andi McCready, Mark Nunez, Herb Thom, Marge Surran

## **Call to Order** at 6:32 by John McCormick

A Reading completed by Evelyn Witek from "Jesus Calling". Discussion followed.

Approval of minutes from November 27, 2018 after corrections made. Motion made by Terry Strub, second by Chris Bannon.

## **Financial Report:** John Rathz

John reported that we are \$13,000 over budget at present but will use that over the next few months since less income is expected through the winter months. There is \$76,000 in the Preservation Fund. He requested that chairs of committees be responsible for their budget. Joan Natali requested that Committee Chairpersons be given a quarterly report. John replied that it was problematic with the 2 computer systems but will try to do it in future.

## **Ministry Reports:**

- 1) Archive – Marge Surran. Absent

John reported that he read an article in the Catholic Virginian, "Stable Patrimony", which suggests that each Parish making a list of the Church's original possessions and sharing it with the Diocese. The purpose is to protect the Church's items.

- 2) Ecumenical – Mary Beth Briggs – No report
- 3) Facilities Management – Eric Angora absent – No report
- 4) Helping Hands-Joan Natali

Joan reported that 50 families received food bags for Christmas. Groceries were also given to 4 different families.

Joan discussed the hardship of the Coast Guards Personnel and others during the government shutdown. Ways to assist them were discussed. They are restricted on accepting gifts (but not their spouses) but food can be given. A request for donations will be put in "Happenings" by Joan and in the Church Bulletin by Irene. Joan has a contact in the Coast Guard who will share donations as needed. I

5) Hispanic Ministry – Leticia Rodriguez / Nora Gonzalez

- The Lady of Guadalupe Novena, in which the rosary was said at different home for 9 days was well attended. There was approximately 15 to 30 people each night. The Posada was also well attended.
- The third Sunday of each month will be a youth mass. A youth group will be started and Nora Gonzalez will be in charge.

6) Migrant Ministry – Terry Strub- No report.

Irene reported that Bags of clothes had been dropped off for Migrant Ministry. Terry will try to relocate them.

7) Parish Life – Marion Simonsen. No report

8) Religious Ed - Annie Abraham / Keith Abraham

Annie reported that there is 1 person enrolled in RCIA, 3 candidates for Confirmation and 4 to 6 for First Communion. Confirmation will be at St. Peters this year.

9) Fund raising - Carol Hutchings

Carol has been working hard and has several ideas for fund raising: selling bulbs, selling soup after Mass during the winter, selling fish and chips during Lent, selling chili in the fall, a bake sale at the Crabby Blue festival. She is planning a raffle for the fall. She reported that she received negative feedback about last year's cost per ticket. A discussion of the pros and cons of lowering the price followed.

A St. Valentines dinner will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20 each and a chicken dinner will be served. A rummage sale is planned for May,

10) Social Ministry – Michael Strub

Mike discussed having an almsgiving for the poor during Lent. It would consist of collecting a certain amount of change money daily.

11) Worship Ministry – Chris Bannon

- Chris reported that he received negative feelings about using the menorah and the star of David during Advent Masses. He explained that the menorah represents the burning

bush and the Star of David is on the shield for the House of David. Jesus was the Son of the House of David.

12) New Office Info. – Irene Henderson

- Irene reported that tax letters will be available on line this week. Information for obtaining it will be in this week's Church Bulletin

**Old Business:**

- A volunteer to chair the Election Committee is needed by next month. John asked us all to think about volunteering.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) John met with Bob Panek, Ron Wrucke, Joe Witek and Father Michael to review the suggestions from the Eastern Virginia Environmental Corp. to address the water problem in Breslin Hall. The French drain would cost \$18,000, the concrete and sump pump would cost \$10,000. There is a surveyor coming to assess the problem on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

2) There were problems in the rectory with no heat and flooding. They were fixed by Shore Masters and Thornton. Father would like a new rug in the living room, since the old one had to be torn up. The other rugs on the first floor would be cleaned. John suggested putting a list of emergency contractors together in case Father has problems in the future. Joe feels that money should be used to fix the rectory instead of Breslin Hall.

3) Parish demographics were not discussed. Herb Thom has all the information and was not present.

4) We received a new Diocesan Security Plan which was reviewed and discussed. It was suggested to have a retired police officer or a retired military person chair the new Safety Committee. A notice for such a person will be put in the bulletin. Irene needs a list of all our ushers. Mary Ann Silvestro will assist her with that. Irene reported that we had a Safety report done and should have the results by our next meeting.

Secretary's Time : Evelyn Witek. Clarification of notes taken

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

**Adjourned at 8:09 PM. Motion was made by Bob Toner, second by Mary Beth Briggs.**

**Next meeting February 26,2019 at 6:30 PM with a reading from Chris Bannon**

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

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Evelyn Witek – PC Secretary

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Date