

SAINT CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Saint Charles Parish- Breslin Center

March 26, 2019

6: 30 PM

In Attendance

Father Michael Breslin, John McCormick, Maureen Bochman, Chris Bannon, Irene Henderson, Carol Hutchings, Terry & Mike Strub, Herb Thom, Bob Toner, Annie & Keith Abraham, Scottie Paschall (Visitor), Peggy Phillips (Visitor)

Absent

Andi McCready, Mark Nunez, Eric Angora, Evelyn & Joe Witek, Leticia Rodriquez, Mary Ann Silvestro, Joan Natali, Mary Beth Briggs, Marion Simonsen

Call to Order at 6:36 by John McCormick

There was no reading. – scheduled reader, Nora Gonzalez also absent

Approval of minutes from February 26, 2019. Motion made by Herb Thom, second by Chris Bannon.

Ministry Reports:

- 1) Archive – Marge Surran. Absent - No report.
- 2) Ecumenical – Mary Beth Briggs. Absent - No Report
- 3) Facilities Management – Eric Angora. Absent – No report
- 4) Helping Hands - Joan Natali. Absent – No report
- 5) Hispanic Ministry – Leticia Rodriquez. Absent- No report
- 6) Migrant Ministry – Terry Strub reported:

There will be a Migrant Ministry meeting Sunday, March 31 in Breslin Center to plan for the upcoming migrant season. The condition of the basement has not changed; proper precautions will continue to be taken for storage of food. Migrant Ministry is seeking a new chair.

- 7) Parish Life – Marion Simonsen. Absent - No Report
- 8) Religious Ed - Annie & Keith Abraham -

Annie reported that there are 3 candidates for Confirmation and 2 out of 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.

Both Annie and Keith reported that there have been problems with student attendance, however this seems to have improved with the Confirmation class.

9) Fund raising - Carol Hutchings reported:

Ecumenical Rummage sale (with 3 other churches) will be held on June 1st. Donations will be accepted May 29th to 31st.

A bake sale at the Crabby Blue Festival will also be held on June 1st. Baked goods for sale may be left at Breslin Center on May 29-31. She will be requesting volunteer help for both events.

Last year's raffle will be repeated, with 300 tickets being sold at \$100 a ticket. It will start on May 25 and extend to October but no later than December 31st. She will try to extend the sale of tickets into the community.

10) Social Ministry – Michael Strub.

Met with Joan Natali and John Rathz on March 17 to plan future funding for the 7 parish social ministries. Most funding will come from Living Our Mission and special collection donations. There was some question about the approval process for disposition of funds. The PC Chair was emphatic in stating that it was the Pastor's direction with agreement from the PC Executive Committee that each ministry head determined how best to use the LOM funds and the funds should be given with No Restrictions. It was further discussed that the regular budget money for HH be kept as part of the operational budget and not be removed from the budget because of the additional (\$2500) LOM Funds being distributed to them.

11) Worship Ministry – Chris Bannon reported:

During Lent, the 5:15 mass on Wednesdays and a "light" Lenten Dinner following Mass in Breslin Hall is continuing. A sign-up sheet was passed around for a simple meal preparation.

Chris asked for Holy Week lector volunteers

Terry Strub requested a meeting of Eucharistic Ministers to meet new people and review procedures.

Reminder about minimizing talk in the back of church before Mass. Perhaps a Greeter meeting also needs to be held as well to remind them of this problem.

12) New Office Info. – Irene Henderson reported:

On March 23, there was an usher meeting to discuss the need for heightened security in the wake of recent attacks on religious assemblies. Beginning in May, the church will be locked 5 min after start of Mass; tardy worshippers should use handicap entrance which will have a security camera. Scotti Paschal and Peggy Phillips were in attendance to discuss the locking of the doors and perhaps other options. There was a long and lively discussion and Father Michael will be making a final decision, after some reflective prayer, on how to move forward.

Parish Picnic – Date conflict with card party and in need of coordinator. Father will be searching for a new chairperson in May

Old Business:

- 1) Mike Strub covered the election schedule and urged the council members to encourage parishioners to offer their service to the Pastor. Nominations will close on 28 April and elections will be held on the weekend of 25-26 May.
- 2) St Monica service and Retreat will be on Fri evening, March 29 and Sat morning, March 30 to be conducted by Dr Jack Buchner, St Stephen the Martyr, Chesapeake.

New Business:

- 1) Peggy Phillips reminded all of the Mass at 9 am on April 3 at the greater Richmond Convention Center in preparation for s March for Life.
- 2) Terry Strub made a motion to donate \$200 to the Cape Charles Police Dept in gratitude for assistance in updating church security, Fr. Michael seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Time: Clarification of notes taken – all okay

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

Adjourned at 8:21 PM. Motion was made by Herb Thom, second by Terry Strub

I, Mike Strub, standing in for Secretary Evelyn Witek, have taken these minutes and believe them to be correct for the meeting date indicated.

Mike Strub

Date