

SAINT CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Saint Charles Parish- Breslin Center

October 29, 2019

6: 30 PM

In Attendance

Father Michael Breslin, Chris Bannon, Irene Henderson, Terry Strub, Michael Strub, Robert B. Toner, Herb Thom, Evelyn and Joe Witek, Mary Beth Briggs, Deacon Don Donovan, Maureen Bochman, Kevin and Judy Rech, Zeferino Hernandez, John Rathz, Doris Lajoie

Absent

Jeanette Orzo, Evelyn Pinili, Joan Natali , Ronnie Thom, Carol Hutchings

Call to Order & Opening prayer - at 6:33 pm. Opening prayer by Father Michael

A Reading completed by Mike Strub from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 14, verses 12 to 14, which is the Gospel for the Feast of St Charles Borromeo. Discussion followed. Father suggested doing something to celebrate our feast day, starting next year.

Approval of minutes from June 25, 2019, with corrections made. Motion to accept by Kevin Rech; Chris Bannon second.

Financial Council Report.

John Rathz handed out the Parish Financial Update. Our financial state is sound.

We are \$13,000 over budget, but will use this during the winter months , which are always under budget. There is presently \$12,550 in our account.

There is \$60,000 available in our Preservation Fund, which is being used to cover facility repairs. The monthly donations to this fund have declined 32% since 2015. A portion of the Preservation Fund balance is being set aside for rectory fund rehabilitation.

Ministry Reports:

- 1) *Archives. Marge Surran absent. No report.*
- 2) *Ecumenical. Mary Beth Briggs. No report*
- 3) Facilities Management –Kevin Rech

Kevin has done numerous jobs around our facilities: changed all batteries and will schedule an every 6month change, hung fire extinguishers, painted railings, trimmed bushes, checked lighting in

columbarium. In the latter, some lights are not working, even though the breakers are good. Irene is also having problems with lights in her office. An electrician will be called.

4) Helping Hands – Joan Natali (absent) No report.

5) Hispanic Ministry – Zeferino Hernandez

Zeferino reported that there will be a meeting this week end with Fr. Imperial.

6) Migrant Ministry – Terry Strub

Terry attended a meeting at the Episcopal Church with migrant workers to discuss simple issues that they have to deal with, like signing and cashing checks. The dialog was helpful to them. It was suggested that this be continued in the spring and again in the fall.

7) Parish Life – Ronnie Thom. Absent

a) Doris Lajoie, who will be assisting Ronnie with Parish Life reported that they did inventory and organized the pantry. She would like to buy a white board to help with restocking.

b) John reviewed with Doris the guidelines for funerals. Irene will send her and Ronnie a copy.

8) Religious Ed – Amy Watkins, Jen Siegrist- Absent

Irene reported that the students had a bake sale to cover their expenses for the Youth Rally in Norfolk.

9) Fund raising – Carol Hutchings -Absent. No report.

10) Social Ministry – Michael Strub

Mike will contact Joan Natali to see what needs Helping Hands has for the holidays.

11) Worship Ministry – Chris Bannon

a) The names of deceased parishioners were hung and the memory tables were placed at the altar for the month of November.

b) The Advent Pot Luck Dinner will be December 8

c) Chris needs adult volunteers for altar servers.

12) New Office Info. – Irene Henderson

Irene will be getting the census updated.

Old Business:

Rectory- Bids for new HVHC units were obtained and given to Marta,

NEW BUSINESS:

New Parishioners Dinner- There are between ten to fifteen new families in our parish. It was suggested that we have a New Parishioners Dinner after the holidays. Herb volunteered to work on this with Parish Life.

Secretary's Time: Clarification of notes taken

Pastors Time and closing prayer: Closing prayer said by Fr. Michael.

Adjourned at 7 :30 pm. Motion made by Chris Bannon, second by Terry Strub.

Next meeting November 19,2019 with a reading by Mary Beth Briggs.

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

Evelyn Witek

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