

SAINT CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Saint Charles Parish- Breslin Center

September 24, 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, Carol Ann Hutchings, Scotty Paschall(visitor), Deacon Don Donovan, Maureen Bochman, Leticia Rodriguez, Kevin and Judy Rech, Evelyn Pinili, Luz Rosas, Zeferino Hernandez.

Absent

Jeanette Orzo, Joan Natali, Marge Surran, Ronnie Thom

Call to Order & Opening prayer - at 6:34 pm. Opening prayer by Father Michael

A Reading completed by Herb Thom from Peter 2, versus 4-5. Discussion followed.

Approval of minutes from June 25, 2019: Motion to accept by Mike Strub; Chris Bannon second.

Ministry Reports:

1) Archive – Marge Surran – absent. No report.

2) Ecumenical – Mary Beth Briggs.

The Sunday of Hope, held on August 25th went well. There were 290 luminaria. \$3,500 was raised.

3) Facilities Management –

Herb attended a Finance Committee meeting and came away with a better understanding on the needs of the Parish. Having small jobs done by volunteers will save the Parish money. Kevin Rech volunteered to chair Facilities Management.

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

5)Hispanic Ministry –Nora Gonzalez , Leticia Rodriques

a) Leticia reported that, October being Rosary month, Julia Martinez will go to different homes each day to recite the rosary. A statue of Our Lady of Guadeloupe was donated.

b) The previous Spanish Youth leader is now attending college. Leticia Gomez will take over the position.

c) Leticia will be retiring as chairperson for the Spanish Ministry. Luz Rosas and Zeferino Hernandez will step up to take over her position. Thank you, Leticia, for your years of service.

6) Migrant Ministry – Terry Strub

Nine camp visits were made during the summer. The Little Angels played at most of the Masses. Anna Lee Clark and her sisters, who are bilingual, attended the camps with Terry and were a great help.

7) Parish Life – Ronnie Thom. Absent

Father thanked Ronnie, who has replaced Marion Simonsen as Parish Life Chairperson.

A suggestion was made to send Marion Simonsen a thank you gift as a token of our appreciation for her 16 years of service.

8) Religious Ed –

a) Irene reported that Amy Watkins and Jen Siegrist volunteered to co-chair Religious Education. There will be an orientation this Sunday after the 9am Mass for students and parents. There are a total of 12 students, 5 who are preparing for First Communion and 2 for Confirmation, which is a 2 year program. Classes will start October 13 after the 9am Mass. There are new guidelines for Baptism and Confirmation.

b) Irene will be giving VIRTUS classes for the Religious Education teachers and anyone who has contact with the children of the Parish. Finance Council members and Parish Council members are encouraged to attend.

c) On October 5, Catholic Youth Day, the youth of our parish will be going to Bush Garden. The K of C will help with expenses for those who are unable to afford it.

d) Deacon Don will conduct RCIA classes after the 9am Mass.

9) Fund raising – Carol Hutchings

a) Carol reported that the Mystery Dinner Theater made \$4,000 profit. John and Clelia Sheppard bought the unsold tickets. John Silvestro would like to do another performance, probably a comedy sometime in February. The Council thanked Carol for all her cooking and hard work.

b) Sixty-five raffle tickets have been sold. Carol will go across the bay one Sunday a month in the hope of selling more.

10) Social Ministry – Michael Strub

a) Mike will continue to work for Ecumenical cooperation, all parishes working together.

b) Adopt-A-Block will make a list of foods needed by the Food Bank. The list and a basket will be put in the back of the Church

11)Worship Ministry – Chris Bannon

a) Two memory tables will be placed by the alter for the month of November.

b) Plan Your Funeral forms are available. Chris encouraged all to fill one out.

c) Since the first Sunday in December is Thanksgiving week end, it was agreed that the Advent Pot Luck Dinner will be on December 8th.

d) Chris asked for help for the first Sunday of Advent to help decorate the alter.

12)New Office Info. – Irene Henderson

a) Irene requested that all individuals using the Parish Hall empty the trash when they are finished.

b) Irene presented a letter from the Bishop stating that all diocesan institutions, its schools and parish buildings not be named after a pastor or individual. Therefore, we will need to remove the Breslin Center plaque from outside the building. We are permitted to place it inside, which we will do.

c) The Coffee and Donut sign-up sheet was passed around.

Old Business:

Parish demographics show that our parish is aging. More young people are needed.

Herb encouraged Council Members to review Funeral Reception and Church Security guild lines

NEW BUSINESS:

Sunday Mass will remain at 9am

Chris found someone to clean the Parish Hall floor. He would like to set it up for twice a year.

Chris brought up the subject of loud talking in the back of the church and asked for suggestions on how to control it. Scottie suggested having music played a half hour before Mass. Don reminded everyone that the Church is a community and because of our Geographic's, people don't see each other except on Sunday.

Secretary's Time: Clarification of notes taken

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

Adjourned at 7 :34pm. Motion made by Chris Bannon, second by Deacon Don

Next meeting October 29,2019 with a reading by Mike Strub

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