

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on September 21, 2015

Absent: Kimberly Spence

I. Opening Prayer offered by Nan Tulchinsky

II. Minutes of August 1, 2015 meeting reviewed and approved

III. Introduction of our guest speaker by Pat Cahill – Fr. Tom

IV. Pastor's report:

- **Annual Bishop's Appeal letter and Why Catholic** mailings sent out – Weekend of October 3rd is signup Sunday.

- **Redeemer radio (95.7 fm)** local catholic radio station will have a **program on Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si**. Broadcast times will be Saturday and Sunday 10 AM and 6 PM (September 26/27). Father Tom and Father Oliver Williams, CSC, will participate in a discussion of the encyclical. The program will be added to audio archives and made available later.

- **Sacred Heart Parish will also be featured on Redeemer Radio** (95.7 fm) on Thursday, October 29: 3 – 4 PM.

V. Paul Thornton's report on standard operating procedures for SHP social events

- **Parish Events Manual:** Parish Picnic, Seder Meal, Epiphany Breakfast and Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass and Picnic. Requirements for events include: (1) Overview, (2) Date, (3) Location and (4) Contacts. (5) List of things to do – tasks required for successful event, including planning start date.

- Folders are being put together with the above information and be available by request from Paul Eddy.

VI. Michelle Kriss' report on WHY CATHOLIC?

- **55 people sign-up for groups.** Tuesday morning group is the largest, there is a possibility to break up this larger group into two. One group without a facilitator at this point (Monday evening), will be contacted people over the next week or so via email when possible. Sunday morning parents of religious education students are meeting as a group during REP to discuss **WHY CATHOLIC**.

- **Also working on activity suggestions for the WHY CATHOLIC sessions.** These will be ready by October 3rd and will be included with the participants' booklets.

Program starting October 4th.

VII. "Around the Table" reports from members of the Council

- **Tom Nowak gave Social Justice Ministry report.**

- There was a break-in at Our Lady of the Road. Gas shut off by Nipsco until new security system in place. Donations required to meet these needs. Measures in place to serve people without having stoves or hot water were put in place. However, food service is limited without the ability to cook.
- SJM Meeting – Pat Cahill discussed St. Vincent, discussions on poverty to address questions to be brought to council, how to get information in front of parishioners.
- IRBN – grocery outlet focused on providing for ministry driven organizations.

- **Jane Mulligan** suggestion – training session needed for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Father Tom asked Jane to suggest a date or two when people would be available.
- **Deacon Bill** – discussion's on St. Vincent de Paul volunteers for a specific need. Have a pool of names that could be contacted to help with events, and requests. Might be easier for people to commit this way.
- **Michelle Kriss** – religious education, need 5th grade teacher for Sunday morning class. 27 students and 8 catechists.
- **Pat Cahill** – the Clothes Sorting will be Saturday October 3rd, 9-30 to 12:30. 1837 North Bendix. Put on web site.
- **Joan Loranger** – October 28th, hosted by Jewish Federation, meeting on Syrian refugee crisis. Will provide specifics for parish web site.
- **Diane Beach Walling: Meals On Parish Wheels** is helping a parish family who just had a baby. Blood Pressure screening after Sunday Mass may be limited this year because of lack of nurses.
- **Fr. Tom:** discuss St. Vincent De Paul presentation further at next Council meeting; also discuss Parish recycling efforts in light of *Laudato Si*. In addition, there will be **WHY CATHOLIC** bulletin inserts each week for the fall sessions to assist families to grow in their understanding and practice of prayer.
- **Paul Eddy**, completing construction on parish center outdoor stairs and rails.

VIII. Close the meeting with a prayer by Fr Tom

Jack O'Brien & Fr. Tom

**Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2015, 7 PM
Parish Center Community Room.**