

St. George Parish Council Meeting NOTES  
Sept. 24, 2017  
6:30 pm

Parish Council Meeting Start Time: 6:35 pm-8:05

Members present: Father Stephen, Tony S., Maureen, Cara, Jessie, Helen, Francine, Donna, Margot, Colleen, Brooke, Deacon Bob, Kathy, Father Faron Calumba, Amanda, John N, Francine

Peer Ministers: Michael and Hannah

Guests: Maureen F and Betty

Location – **Lattanzi Room**

**Welcome** – Tony

Introductions done by all members.

**Reflection** – Fr. Stephen, Tony and Maureen

Spirituality is our connection to God.

Focus on a Gospel passage.

Scripture Reading-The Commissioning of the Disciples

Quiet reflection-reflect on the Gospel

Small group discussion-breakout sessions 4 groups of 5.

Please read and prepare to discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> three chapters of “Divine Renovation”.

Tony spoke of the “Evangelization Movement” People can be put off by that word Evangelization. Francine brought up the point that sometimes Catholics may not always feel confident in the knowledge of their own faith. Fear of ridicule? Embarrassment? Fear?

Brook was excited about the book. The book has energy and vision. We are united as a body.

Father Stephen brought up the question, “What is our purpose? As a Parish, as a Catholic, as a Church? What is our identity. Do we need to rethink our conception of Parish. What is the purpose of it all and why are we doing all of these things? What is the root of it? If the root is not Jesus then maybe we need to rethink what we are doing.

Margot brought up that there is somewhat of a one size fits all approach but your Parish life and your relationship with God is individual.

Make authentic and meaningful steps toward a relationship with Jesus.

Amanda ad feeling of confliction at some points of the book. Church sometimes can put obstacles in our way which can be a turn off.

We are the ones who are emerged in our faith. If we were to be set on fire maybe it would catch on. Those who are invested can take more investment and other might want to experience what we are. Focus on being who we are.

\*Corigma: Teaching of apostles after the resurrection.

\*A Conversion that leads to a decision to follow Christ.

\*Discipleship-ongoing learning

\*Community-finding that we belong somewhere. Belonging.

\*Mission-going out

Where am I and how do I fit.

Coleen brought up the Titanic reference. We need to go to the source. We need to come and pull the people into the boat that might be hanging on to the side. People might be getting ostracized unintentionally.

Spiritual vs. Religious

God is always there to help us.

What sparks for us and what invigorates our community at all levels.

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### **New Projects—TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

Pastoral Council Meeting announcement for Parish Bulletin and minutes for Parish Website.

Ministry Minute – 5 minute speech or Bulletin Paragraph?

\*Colleen-Coffee and...Ministries hosting on Sundays after all masses. Great way to build community. Father will check schedules to see what dates work. **NO FINISHED DISCUSSING**

### **Listening Campaign – Tony & Maureen—TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

Review of top five suggestions

Establish a plan of action and follow through

### **Reports**

**LifeTouch** – summary - **TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING**

**OLM** – Jess Mularski

**Peer Ministers** – Retreat this weekend for peer ministers.

Started the leadership group. Different committees dealing with retreat group, PC groups, etc.

Theme for the year: “By Grace Through Faith”

4 peer ministers that will attend meetings on a rotating basis (Elizabeth Heller, Michael Campanelli, Meg Reynolds, Hannah Plaziak)

Peer ministers noticing other peer ministers not going to mass on a regular basis.

**Pastor’s Report** – Fr. Stephen **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING**

### **Meeting Dates:**

10/29/17, 12/3/17, 1/28/18, 2/25/18, 3/18/18, 4/29/18, 5/20/18, 6/24/18