

St. George Parish Council Meeting
Minutes
Nov. 5, 2017
6:30 pm

Parish Council Meeting Start Time: 6:30 pm

Members Present: Father Stephen, Tony S., Maureen, Jessie, Helen, Francine, Donna, Margot, Colleen, Kathy, John N.

Members Absent: Cara, Brooke, Amanda, Deacon Bob, Fr. Faron

Peer Ministers: Michael, Libby, Meg, and Hannah

Guests: Tammy, Maureen F., and Betty Jane

Location: Parish Center

Welcome: Tony

Reflection: Father Stephen

What in this gospel encourages you?

What in this gospel do you resist?

Reports :

Pastor's Report – Fr. Stephen

- New staff- Cara Correll to do baptismal prep and young family support. We needed to fill the gap between baptism and the religious education. She will also work with social media and communications.
- Finance committee had meeting and everything is going well. Sue Weady passed away, so we must pray for her family.
- OLM- enrollment is down this year. Lease extended through 2023. Vision committee is conducting a feasibility study. Do we have the money and/or the students to meet the needed enrollment? Could we build OLM on St. George Property? Seasons of Blessings is December 13th. \$25 a ticket, \$100 for the \$10,000 drawing.
- Ministry Minute- Each ministry gets featured in the bulletin in a written paragraph with contact information. Ministry book needs to be updated with current contact info and could be put on the website.

Divine Renovation Review – All

Review Chapters 4 & 5

- Discussion about clericalism after Vatican II. Only a few lay people do all of the work now instead of priest, but that leaves out the “masses” of Catholics. The whole community needs to help the priests. Allow people to use their gifts.
- Page 82- Equipping the Saints: Have people go through the Alpha program so they may better understand and evangelize for their faith. The church is more than just the priest.
- An average person of faith can inspire others to come to the faith. St George

Alpha. If you are interested in the Alpha program, contact Lori to say you are interested in visiting an Alpha Program. There are more details and information about Alpha here: <https://alphausa.org/catholic>

- Christ Renews His Parish, a retreat on the parish property. Deeper conversion happens in the retreat team. Overnight retreat.

Review of 10 Values

- 10 Values of any parish
 1. Giving Priority to the Weekend
 2. Hospitality
 3. Uplifting Music
 4. Homilies
 5. Meaningful Community
 6. Clear Expectations
 7. Strengths-based Ministry
 8. Formation of Small Communities
 9. Experience of the Holy Spirit
 10. Become an inviting Church
- Meet people who are sitting around you during mass. Sit in different places during Mass. Have different families or ministries greet during Mass?
- Important to have a ministry for new parishioners to become acquainted and welcome.
- Do we put enough effort into the Sunday Liturgy? It's when we have the most parishioners at the church at the same time. Imagine what we could do if we had more intentional plans. We don't have a liturgy committee. We need to make the liturgy more important.
- Do we need different Mass times so that people can have more time to have community? Do we need to go to them and ask them what they need to get them to come to the church. "Meet people where they are."
- Important to identify gifts of different parishioners.

Tabled for Next Meeting

Review of 5 Parish Concerns

Review Chapters 6 and 7 for next meeting

Closing Prayer – Fran

Adjourned: 8:10PM

Meeting Dates:

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