



St. Raphael the Archangel

Parish Council

St. Raphael Parish Council Meeting Minutes May 17, 2018 at 6:30pm

Parish Council Members Present: Fr. Tom Long, Robert Geck, Gina Hafemeister, Sharon Oberkrieser, Fr. Matthew Rapp, Carissa Ridenour, Paul Trebiatowski, Fran Treder, Norm Ruedinger (Trustee-Secretary), Ken Wolf (Trustee-Treasurer) Sr. Florence Youngwirth (Recording Secretary)

Members Excused: Jennifer Fisher, Lois Florek

Opening Prayer

The meeting began at 6:30pm with Father Tom leading a parish meeting prayer service.

Approval of December Minutes

Minutes were accepted as written.

Pastor's Comments/Updates:

- **Jesus at Table & Celebration for Fr. Doug's 25th Anniversary**
Jesus at Table is complete and will arrive sometime in June. Plans for a blessing and dedication of it are in process. The weekend of July 21/22 or 28/29, Fr. Doug may be able to be here for all Masses celebrate his 25th ordination anniversary. Fr. Matthew or Fr. Tom would take the Masses in Manitowoc.
- **Scott and Kimberly Hahn** They are scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8:00am-1:00pm. Scott will do three presentations and Kimberly will do one presentation on raising a Catholic Family. Details include: \$20/ticket available to parishioners first; could host 800 participants; fee covers food and porta potties.
- **Formed** The parish may purchase a subscription to this online Catholic Resource that highlights the best videos, audio talks, e-books and movies, etc. This would be excellent for Adult Faith Formation and RCIA since it allows for individual use according to their time frame.
- **Flocknote Messaging – potential app** This is more practical vs. some apps. It would need a person to generate the content. Sara will do further work on this.

Discipleship Formation Coordinator

Deacon John Ingala has been hired on a part time basis to coordinate Alpha and to form a group of parishioners who could serve as faith mentors. He will be working closely with Betty Schwandt, Pastoral Associate, and the Adult Faith Formation Committee members.

2018-2019 Budget

A modified budget sheet was distributed. Questions were addressed. The following items were clarified due to the variances given on the report:

- **Church Support** – Facilities Improvements was removed from the parish member envelopes
- **Discipleship Formation Coordinator** – Position was added as salary with no benefits.
- **Pastoral Care Ministry** – Paula was not replaced. Responsibilities have been realigned with a team consisting of Betty Schwandt, Jill Eaton, Fr. Tom, and Fr. Matthew. Jill's hours have been increased to 40 hours/week. The team will meet regularly to discuss the training for care ministers and identify parishioners who could need pastoral care.
- **Lourdes Academy & Religious Education Support** – Subsidy for Lourdes Academy remained at the same level. Some families in Religious Education do not pay the required fee. This being said, we would not deny the children of those families attendance.

New Identification Sign for Church

A new identification sign is one of the remaining items from *Renewing Space*, our church renovation project. A handout was given showing the history of this item. The Finance Council approved the sign proposal and gave permission to request a zoning variance from the City of Oshkosh. On May 9, 2018 the City of Oshkosh granted the zoning variance. The Pastoral Council approved to proceed with the new sign which will include an electronic message board.

Appointment of New Member

Sharon Oberkrieser, Carissa Ridenour and Rob Geck are concluding their term but are willing to serve a second term. As a result there is only one vacancy due to Ben Smith's resignation. Possible names include were discussed. Fr. Tom will appoint a replacement upon making contact with these members to see who may be willing to serve. Norm Ruedinger is ending his term as Trustee-Secretary. He is willing to serve another term and will be on the ballot along with names of other individuals willing to serve as Trustee-Secretary. The Trustee election will take place at masses the weekend of June 9/10.

Coming Months

- **Review of Pastor** – Paul will e-mail evaluation questions out to all council members. He will collate responses and meet with Fr. Tom.
- **Feedback on Alpha** – This was put on hold until all sessions are completed.
- **Planning for Alpha and Discipleship Formation** – Over summer, John Ingala will begin engaging people for different Alpha groups. Alpha will also be an option for Confirmation students: ¼ of students want summer, ¼ of students want school year, ½ of students will do a Kyros retreat plus 4 Aftershock sessions.
- **Parish Planning Process** – The timeline for this is tentative until Fr. Tom hears from the diocese.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Next Meeting – June 21, 2018 at 6:30PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sister Florence Youngwirth, ANG
Recording Secretary