



ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 21, 2018 - 6:30pm

Parish Council Members Present: Fr. Tom Long, Jennifer Fisher, Lois Florek, Robert Geck, Gina Hafemeister, Steve Halron, Sharon Oberkrieser, Carissa Ridenour, Paul Trebiatowski, Fran Treder, Sr. Florence Youngwirth (Recording Secretary)

Members Excused: Fr. Matthew Rapp, Norm Ruedinger (Trustee-Secretary), Ken Wolf (Trustee-Treasurer)

Also Present: Deacon John Ingala

Prayer

The meeting began at 6:35 pm with Father Tom leading a diocesan parish meeting prayer service.

Approval of Minutes & Agenda

Minutes and agenda were accepted as presented.

Introduction of New Member

Steve Halron is joining the council to complete the term of Ben Smith. He introduced himself and then all members introduced themselves indicating their name and number of years completed and/or remaining on the council.

Pastor's Comments/Updates, including:

- Budget approval is complete with the addition of Deacon John Ingala being hired as Discipleship Formation Coordinator.
- Resignation of High School/Young Adult Coordinator: high school includes confirmation and young adult is ages 18-39. Interviews for replacing Kayla Gruse will take place in July.
- Mission trip to Sister Parish in Jackson, Kentucky is a youth service trip which will take place June 23-29 with 11 teens and 4 adults. Fr. Tom will be joining the team for this event.
- Church Sign will be installed this fall to help interested persons locate our church.
- *Formed* is an online Catholic Resource for which the parish is obtaining a subscription and then will make it available to all parishioners.
- Scott & Kimberly Hahn is scheduled for October 20, 2018. Approximately 200 tickets have already been sold. Their books will be available for purchase at that time. At present, their books are on display in St. Raphael's library.

Alpha Feedback and Discipleship Formation in the coming year

Fr. Tom began by saying Betty sent out a 3 question survey to people who participated in the 5 Alpha groups. Alpha is a piece of the much larger program, *Disciples on the Way*, initiated by Bishop Ricken. This process is twofold: to feed people to be better formed in their faith and their relationship with Jesus and to help them go out and reach the people we have not

encountered thus far. This will take years to accomplish. Jesus spent his time with forming the 12 and then worked on sending out the 72. Deacon John Ingala reiterated that the focus is not on a program but helping people develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. Inviting and welcoming people are important but people need a feeling of belonging. Members will also be engaged.

Members were asked to share their experience of what was helpful/not helpful in the eleven weeks of their participation in Alpha. Main comments: be sensitive to all people coming forth, careful in forming groups around entering points, training of group leaders.

Fr. Tom added that Alpha is also an option for Confirmation students: Alpha sessions plus a retreat specific to Confirmation or a Kyrios retreat plus 4 Aftershock sessions with the focus on Confirmation.

Parish Planning Process & Capital Campaign

According to the diocesan schedule, St. Raphael's Parish would engage in parish planning in March 2019 and Capital Campaign would be September 2019. Due to projecting the building of a new Lourdes School, a request is into the diocese to have the planning process this fall. This would strengthen relationships with Lourdes Academy and the other Catholic Parishes.

Jesus at Table Dedication and Father Doug's 25th Anniversary Celebration

The plan is to have the Jesus at Table sculpture dedicated on Saturday, July 21. Thus far, the table and benches are complete but the Jesus sculpture has not yet arrived. That weekend Fr. Doug will be the presider for all masses celebrating his 25th Anniversary of ordination. A reception with cookies and ice cream cups will follow. Parish Council members were asked to help with these refreshments.

Paul Trebiatowski distributed a letter inviting 24 members and others they know to join him and his wife Jackie in making a \$1000.00 donation to the St. Raphael's Endowment Fund by July 20, 2018 in order to raise \$25,000 in honor of Fr. Doug's 25th Anniversary. This would be honoring Fr. Doug's commitment to Christ as well as providing for the future needs of our parish.

Parish Picture Directory

All were asked to encourage participation in this project. Sign-up will begin in July.

Committee Reports – no reports were given.

Finance, Stewardship, Youth Faith Formation, Adult Faith Formation, Worship, Human Concerns

Tentative meeting schedule for 2018-2019

A tentative meeting schedule was distributed (see attachment). It may need adjustments due to the Parish Mission Planning Process.

The meeting closed at 8:10 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday August 16, 2018 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sister Florence Youngwirth, ANG
Recording Secretary