



# ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes** **Thursday, October 11, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

**Parish Council Members Present:** Fr. Tom Long, Jennifer Fisher, Robert Geck, Gina Hafemeister, Steve Halron, Sharon Oberkrieser, Carissa Ridenour, Paul Trebiatowski, Fran Treder, Norm Ruedinger, Ken Wolf

**Members Excused:** Fr Mathew Rapp, Lois Florek

### **Prayer:**

The meeting began at 7:05PM with a diocesan parish meeting prayer led by Father Tom.

**Mission Statement:** As friends and followers of Jesus, we are devoted to fostering households and communities of faith through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church.

### **Approval of Minutes & Agenda:**

The minutes of the joint parish council and finance council meeting were approved. The current agenda was also approved.

### **Election of Officers for 2018-2019: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary**

The officer positions were first described. The chair has the responsibility of running meetings and meeting with Father Tom to discuss the parish council before meetings. The vice-chair acts in place of the chair when not present and typically prepares to succeed the chair. Lastly the secretary is responsible for recording and distributing the minutes. All three together can on occasion be asked to convene an executive meeting with Father Tom if needed outside of regular parish council meetings. The current chair is Paul Trebiatowski and he will continue as chair going forward. Gina Hafemeister is the vice-chair and Carissa Ridenour will be the vice-chair position moving forward. Robert Geck is the current secretary and Sharon Oberkrieser will be replacing him moving forward.

### **Pastor's Comments/Updates, including:**

- Parish Picture Directory
  - Only 2 days are left and they are mostly booked. Overall, about 800 families participated.
  - Some comments were made about the aggressive nature of the sales people and confirmed by other members of the council. Father Tom explained that this is one of the only groups available as the prior group declined. In the future there has been a request to allow families to submit their own pictures.
- Scott & Kimberly Hahn presentations
  - Only 10 days until Scott and Kimberly Hahn come to St Raphael's.
  - Approximately 432 tickets have been sold which is about half of what was hoped for and available.
- Jesus at Table sculpture
  - The table was dedicated last sunday and well attended including Father Doug.

- Father Tom has only had positive comments about the Jesus at table sculpture
- There needs to be some lighting updates for Jesus and St Raphael.
- Outdoor sign
  - Work should begin on the outdoor sign in the next 1-2 weeks depending on the weather. Overall it should take a couple weeks to complete.
- Media: homilies, projectors
  - A request was made to record the homilies now and they are available on the parish website. The last month is available.
  - Money for new projectors was donated and Sara is currently researching the best possible options including a media board.
- Safe Environment
  - The listening sessions were well received and were used by Bishop Ricken with positive results in rural areas on 4 occasions. 2 sessions were held in larger cities, one Green Bay and one Appleton with large less positive responses.
  - As a result of looking closer, the Boy scout and cub scout troop leaders sponsored by the church will need to undergo Virtus training and background check.
  - Additionally, all deacons' and priests' files are being re-reviewed by an outside party at the request of the diocese.

## Parish Planning Process & Capital Campaign

- Context of Disciples on the Way: Discover, Follow, Worship, and Share Jesus
  - This is a work in progress that started in 2014 Bishop Ricken's Disciples on the way. The plan is to move slowly and allow the Holy Spirit to direct the movement. It is planned to take at least 10 years. The plan is to start with "Discover Jesus" and proceed to "Follow Jesus" then "Worship Jesus" and lastly "Share Jesus". Two areas we are working on is Alpha for encountering Jesus and Deacon John is working on mentoring to help follow, worship, and share Jesus.
  - The youth ministry is also working on encountering Jesus and Father Tom is looking to get the High School confirmation candidates to go on retreat (Kyrios) to help facilitate an encounter with Jesus or go through Alpha.
- Amazing Parish Conference
  - Led by Patrick Lencioni. 17-18 parishes from our diocese will be attending with 5 members from the staff of each parish. Father Tom, Father Mathew, Deacon John, Karen Moehn, and Tommy Nelson will be attending the conference in Milwaukee next week.
  - Patrick Lencioni is a large corporate speaker who is focusing on helping catholic parishes grow.
- Diocesan timeline for our area
  - The parish mission planning and capital campaign planning rollout. We are slotted for Wave 2 which begins planning January 2019 and rollout in June 2019.
- Parish Mission Planning
  - The planning process will be the time we prioritize projects that are a part of our goals for the capital campaign locally. We are asked to consider things inside the parish but also to look at addressing needs in the community as well.
- Strengthening relationships with Lourdes Academy and other Oshkosh parishes
  - We are working the Omro/Winneconne and Lourdes with regular meetings with Father Tom.
  - Currently Alpha is rolled out for all parishioners in Omro as well as all RE parents. Alpha was piloted at Most Blesses Sacrament and is in its second year. St Jude parish is working on an open invitation to the parishioners and community. In addition St Jude is hosting Wednesday disciple nights for parishioners.
- Suggestions for ways to work with other parishes
  - Currently Father Tom is working with the other Pastors and they meet regularly. A suggestion to have parish council or parishioners get together was dismissed. An alternative was proposed asking those who know a parish council of a different parish to

informally talk. We could also look at who is on each parish council to see if we know a representative on other councils.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The annual meeting is scheduled for November 1st follow mass. We are working to increase attendance with parishioners. We are also looking to change the format to make it more applicable to parishioners.

### **Parish Leadership Evening**

The parish employees already meet on Wednesdays regularly and suggested a Monday evening in early December to get together for a joint session with parish council. The topic would be parish planning with the staff included. Sample questions of what would the various departments like to do with extra money in the budget were suggested.

### **Committee Liaisons for 2018-2019:**

Finance (Trustee/Treasurer is liaison)

#### Stewardship

Currently Sharon Oberkrieser and she would like to stay with Stewardship.

#### Youth Faith Formation

Currently Lois Florek and doing a good job but not present to report whether she would like to stay in this position.

#### Adult Faith Formation

Currently Carissa Ridenour. Robert Geck offered to replace her as she will be assuming the vice-chair position.

#### Worship

Currently Steve Halron who will stay in this position.

#### Human Concerns

Currently Fran Treder who will also stay in this position.

Additional positions include Gina who is our liaison to Lourdes Academy.

### **The meeting closed at 8:45PM**

#### **Next meeting:**

**Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM (after 6 pm Holy Day Mass)**

**Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 6:30 PM**