

Parish Council Meeting 9/10/19

Attending: Fr Peter, Corinne Lopez, Don Gordon, MJ Gordon, Donna Charko, Andy Roybal, Sid Baum, Kathleen Hennessy, Dianne Bert, Kathy Hill

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING, APPROVED

Introduction:

- a. handout sheets of role of pastoral councilors
 - b. handout of past year's plans
- This Saturday Newman needs council members to attend a Vicariate-wide meeting of parish councils; part of this meeting is to select someone to attend the Archbishop's Council and represent our Vicariate. Don and MJ Gordon, and Donna Charko, will attend from our Council.

Liturgical plans

- Two student music ministers have been hired and will attend the 7:30pm Mass. One of the new ministers would like to present a Christmas Concert.
- Fr. Peter is reaching out to the University to try to have their music students be more involved. We have had a professor or two who have recently started sharing their gifts.
- Fr Peter would like to have more people involved with other liturgies here at the church.
- There will be a training in October. Need to find out which Masses need help; Mass-specific. Discussion. A personal ask from committees is suggested; announcements, bulletin.

Disaster plans

- Fr Peter has received from St Alice, their documentation of emergency disaster procedures. Would like someone on our council to review and adapt for Newman, and present it to Council.

Church Directory

- Shutterfly is the company providing. New directories are 5-1/2 x 8-1/2. Can be updated when new families join the parish, and entire new printing is provided for all who have pictures in the directory. Only those who have pictures taken will be listed in the directory. Photography can be scheduled in October with a three week turn around. 30% off coupon given and can be used to purchase more prints or other merchandise; Newman will get an 8% refund for every purchase made. Using the Shutterfly app, the directory can be accessed by smart phone.
- Volunteers: Dianne Bert, Donna Charko

Zero Waste Proposal/Laudato Si Update

- Fr Peter suggests a high-speed/low temp commercial dishwasher. 3k-4k a unit.
- Laudato Si plans another plastic collection, end of October

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TI Speaker's plan

- Two scheduled. Thomastic Institute speakers are paid; no expense to us.
- 10/29, Cynthia Wood, JD; subject is Sexual Harassment, titled "Speak Up and Speak Out about Sexual Harassment, a Question of Worth."
- 11/21, Dr. J. Budziszewski, an atheist turned Catholic; he will share his journey.
- Both will be on campus. Hoping to have more students attend.
- Council members can help by suggesting topics and/or speakers that Newman students might benefit. Suggestions: John Henry Newman, and his canonization.

Celebration of Canonization- What can we do? (October 13)

- Bookmarks; prayer cards
- Adoration
- Watch party
- Ask Priest to say something in the Homily.
- Something in the bulletin; throw in some of his quotes

Development plan - roofing project

- Andy presented his announcement/pitch that he will present to each Mass.
- \$68,000 has been collected so far. \$150,000 is the cost of the entire project, which includes the siding, the painting, contingencies for possible dry rot.
- Three bids have been obtained.
- Suggestions/Questions from Council:
 - Have a sample of the hardy plank siding.
 - What do the windows look like from the inside?
 - Make clear that it is the siding, not the actual ROOF.
 - Paint should NOT be bright yellow, but a nice neutral.
 - Can our building support the weight of the hardi-plank?
 - Make a web page that shows who the architect is, what the estimates are, etc.

Establish welcoming committee and plans for new parishioners

- MJ Would like to volunteer to work with this.

Campus Ministry meeting

- Student Leadership meeting for a day at St Benedict
- Alpha will start again in October
- Student Retreat is planned and students are signing up
- Tomorrow our cement round table with cement benches will be delivered.
- Round tables for St Catherine's Room, facilitates group interaction
- Even though Alpha is also on a Tuesday night, at least one PM should attend a Parish Council meeting.