

## Parish Council Minutes April 24, 2018

Present: Fr. Peter, Fr. Garry, Kathleen, Ryan, Ed, Corinne, Sid and Betty

Opening prayer by Fr. Garry

November 14, 2017 minutes were approved by committee

### Pastors Report

New Parish Council members are Sid Baum, Dianne Bert and Mark Wang (College Knight student)

New Peer Ministers: Maria Huether and Anselm LeFave

Lauren is no longer on committee. She is student teaching in Portland.

Three FOCUS Missionaries will return next year. Allison will be moving to Arizona and getting married. FOCUS will meet in May to develop one Campus Ministry plan, Alpha. It invites anyone to join them and introduces them to Jesus Christ. It has a Christian component and proposes a Christian answer.

Ed brought up questions in regards to FOCUS that someone had brought to his attention. The group further discussed FOCUS and their mission. Fr. Peter advised the committee this coming year will be their third year at Newman. Fr. Peter has asked the Archdiocese for financial support beyond the three years.

- FOCUS is a separate organization
  - Goal is to support the Newman Center and also recruit those students who want to become a Focus missionary.
  - Build relationships one on one with students
  - To be able to share your faith with other students
- Fr. Garry shared his views and what he has seen with FOCUS

Update of Newman Center response to Eugene Homeless situation

- Hosea Center student clothing drive
- Interfaith breakfast
- Catholic Workers-allows people to have a Christian place to eat and sleep
- Suggestion from Fr. Peter to get students more involved more
- Sid mentioned St Vincent DePaul is getting a new site for overnight housing
- Egan Warming Center
- College Knights have started a video to make care packages for the homeless  
This is something parishioners could donate to also

## **Development Director Update**

Andy is very grateful to all for their Gala support. 190 guests are registered. Prayers have been answered. After the Gala Andy wants to start a "Class Gift" fundraiser. He will reach out to Alumni and maybe ask them to donate money to help support student activities, such as retreats.

## **Campus Ministry Report**

Maria and Kassie will continue to be on Parish Council.

Service activities: Catholic Daughters visited O'Hara Catholic School  
FOCUS trips to Dominican Republic, also Peru this summer with Fr. Peter  
Next year, Newman sponsored Mission Trip to Henderson, Nevada

Students are grateful for "One Fine Day" parking, which started about 14 years ago  
Also grateful for FOCUS Missionaries  
Student Retreat in May has over 40 students  
Hoping students come back "Fearless" from the Retreat  
20 students signed up to help at Gala

## **Invitation to speaker at Newman next year**

Two possible guest speakers

- Russ Breault who Lectures on the Shroud, possibly Mid-November  
Would present Science on the Shroud, where Science and Faith meet
- Other speaker, Fr. Anselm Ramelow, OP  
A Dominican Professor at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology  
He's very credible and engaging with the audience, possibly End of Jan.  
[www.dspt.edu](http://www.dspt.edu) for more info

It was also mentioned to think about what kind of Topic would attract students and the University of Oregon?

Closing prayer by Fr. Peter

**\*Next meeting is May 15, 2018 at 7:00pm**