

Parish Council meeting minutes 03262026

Attended by: Fr. Dominic, Chris Vaughn, Sue Spaeth, Sue Baumgartner, Claire Laurentuis, Steve Twele, Jason Gray, Julie Prior, Lori Flauter, Mary Lee Burlemann, Maggie Murphy, Kari Bass.

Excused: Fr. Ajay, Maria Mattingly, Joey Hornberg

Opening Prayer-Jason. Jason passed around a thank-you card from the Luke 18 leaders for our assistance serving breakfast in January.

Mass Time Update-The new time schedule was announced one ½ months ago. Jason asked what reactions we heard from parishioners. Many ask when it starts (Pentecost Sunday!). Teens do not even realize that there is a change. Some feel that there is too long a stretch between the 9:00 and 11:00 masses. Some really liked the 5:00 mass. It was pointed out that St. Justin has a 5:00 mass. There will be lots more advertising. Some schedules have had to be changed (Fr. Jim's celebration, server schedules).

PC Nominating Committee-We discussed what approach to take this year and decided to use the one we used last year. Feedback from some thought that the new process was unfair as in the past, PC members were voted on by ballot. Julie felt that the ballot process would take more time. We are getting a late start and looked at timelines. Last year, we had few candidates and kept moving the deadline for application out despite many announcements. In the end, only seven of the twenty-nine applicants wanted to move forward in the process. Maggie felt that it worked well. The descriptions and questions were well organized and good. Lori wondered about those who were not selected by Fr.D and whether they would submit an application again. Four spots are available. Claire, Julie, Sue B. and Joey are going off the PC this year. Fr. D liked the process because Julie and Maggie did all the legwork! He would like to use the same process again. We can do a better job of who we are looking for and what their attributes are. We plan to share the Big Rocks to find out who would be a good fit, and how/what he/she would fit/give to the PC. We may possibly add to the application..."should you not be selected, what other area(s)

would you want to serve"? The process needs to be more intentional. Steve likes the idea of self-nomination rather than someone else nominating. We will stick with the application deadline and will not extend it this year. The initial request should clarify the number of openings and the type of candidate sought. The PC should be more visible, and this process can help our visibility. We are in a serving role. We need to share our focus points and strategies with the candidates. By April 12, we need to have something out and announced and require applications be submitted by the end of April. There will be three weeks to sort all and a week or so for Fr. D to interview. The application/announcement will be on the website, in the newsletter, on Facebook and will have a QR code in the bulletin. Maggie and Chris will work on the questions.

PC Leadership Roles- Jason described the PC as the members having a leadership role in the parish and the reality that we should be bringing people together. Many other organizations have internal and external leads. He proposes having an internal and an external chair on the PC. The internal "job" has been very time-consuming with planning meetings and agendas, reports, preparing materials and interfacing with other parish organizations. Having a Vice Chair will ease the burden. Everyone was in favor of adopting the new description.

Amazing Parish-This is a conference held every 2 years, this year in Houston on August 3, 4, and 5 in Houston. It is open to anyone, and Jason would like to see some of us attend it. It focuses on best practices, building the parish and other topics. It is \$450 for registration.

Closing Prayer-Julie

Next meeting-April 16. This date may have to be postponed.

Closing Prayer-Joey