

Parish Council Meeting May 9, 2017- Minutes

Present: Jeffrey Rosenberg, Fr Mark Stec, Fr Charles Anyaoku, Stacey Steber, Cathy McDowell, & Jane Kocher and Herman Zuber. Vicki Stuckey and Julie Oesch excused.

The minutes were approved from the March 27th meeting.

1. Religious Faith Formation/RCIA/PSR/CYM: Jane Kocher & Stacey Steber.

VBS will be in Wendelin the week of June 5th. St. Joseph Olney only had 2 volunteers for VBS and they could possibly coordinate transportation from Olney for children that want to attend. Upcoming 8th grade students could volunteer for Confirmation points.

Discussed the different strong points of the different parishes. VBS is strong for Holy Cross, the Feast of St Joseph is strong for St. Joseph, Stringtown, the Lenten series here at Olney.

Fr. Mark plans on meeting with CRE's from all 3 parishes regarding PSR to schedule and plan for next year, hopefully by the 6/26th Tri-Parish meeting. There are lots of opportunities for the youth groups this summer, CYM-Mission trip, softball on Monday nights in Wendelin and a Holiday World trip.

The Lenten talk series was very good. Good speakers and good turnout. Received a nice thank you from Teresa Tegeler for being able to share her Holy Land experience. Thank you to Jane Kocher for coordinating.

Discussed the role of Parish Council- referred to the flow chart of committees, it is a consulting board for the Pastor and the need to replace Mike Dowty.

2. Building & Grounds & Cemetery

The internal asbestos abatement started on 4/24 and should finish up this week. The external abatement will start after May 18th when school is out for the summer. The demolition of the 2 story building then will follow either last week of May or first of June and then the final dirt work and work on new driveway should be done by start of school in August. The church roof will be replaced mid July. The ceiling and lights in the café should also be replaced in July. During the summer there will be limited handicapped parking spots due to the back of the MPR will be closed off for construction.

3. Finance Committee/Fundraising/Stewardship: Jeffrey Rosenberg & Herman Zuber.

Need to find chairpeople for the Smorgasbord. Working on ways to increase parishioner tithing. There are over 200 families that give nothing in the envelopes. Discussed the school families and their financial commitment to the parish and school. Need for people to talk to family and friends about coming back to church.

4. Liturgy/Choir/Environment/Ministries(Ushers, lectors children, etc): Cathy McDowell & Julie Oesch.

Confirmation was May 6th at Holy Cross Wendelin with 36 students being confirmed and went very well, the liturgy was great as well as the music of the combined choirs. Fr Mark did a great job.

Discussed a possible prayer service at the St Joseph cemetery on Memorial Day, as the mass will be held at Holy Cross Wendelin with the KC being attendance at Holy Cross. At the last tri-parish meeting a schedule was made that in 2017 the mass will be held at Holy Cross Wendelin, 2018 St Joseph Olney, and 2019 St Joseph Stringtown. Memorial Day is not a Holy day of Obligation. A prayer service is being held at St. Joseph, Stringtown led by Laura Sterchi. Jane Kocher will lead a prayer service here at Olney.

5. Parish & Family Life: Vicki Stuckey

Mother Daughter Banquet is Wed May 10th and the Father/ Son Breakfast is scheduled for June 11th after the 8am mass.

6. Social-

7. Thank you note. Fr Mark is taking care of thank you's as the occasions arise.

8. Other- 4 priests retiring this year and there are several other priests with serious health concerns. The shortage of priests continue.

Next meeting will be June 26, 2017 with Holy Cross, Wendelin and St. Joseph , Stringtown Parish Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Rosenberg