

St. Thomas Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting
May 18, 2017
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS:

Father Mariusz Majewski: Pastor
Ellen Jaeger: President
Joe Dahmen: Vice-President
Pat Lenz: Recording Secretary

Robert Valencia (sick)
Dixie Reid
Andy Finney

Opening Prayer: Father Mariusz
Ellen called the meeting to order.

Minutes were read by the council members and a revision of the meeting notes regarding Jeff Clay's credit card. The notes should have read Jeff has a \$500 account with Lowe's for spending on maintenance items. The minutes were then approved with a motion by Dixie Reid and a second from Joe Dahmen.

Charity Committee: Dixie Reid

Dixie reported the Outreach Committee had just met on May 17th. She reported on the following:

- The Parish Nursing office is ready. The office will be open 10:00-4:00 on Mondays; 9:00-12:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 12:00-4:00 on Wednesdays. The nurses can be seen by appointment or by just dropping in.
- Barb Neely and Diane Rutherford are taking communion to the homebound.
- A prayer chain will be organized through the nursing program.
- Susan Walker is organizing two stewardship Sundays for the fall and the spring.
- Sheila Hughes presented to the Committee regarding ideas for special needs children and their families. She also spoke about an "Extra Hands" idea which would provide support for the elderly and mothers with small children at mass.

Liturgy Committee: Father Mariusz

- Sunday, June 18th, there will be a Corpus Christi procession after the 10:00 a.m. mass. This a new event for our parish and more work needs to be done to involve and energize parishioners to participate.
- Beginning in June, there will be a slide show presentation after Tuesday's Holy Hour. The slide show will highlight the recent trip to the Holy Land by Father and other parishioners.

Social/Hospitality Committee: Ellen Jaeger

- The Parish Picnic Committee is meeting on May 23rd to discuss the upcoming picnic in July.
- The after mass socials will be increased to twice a month beginning June 3rd. There has been good feedback from parishioners regarding the socials.

Building Committee: Pat Lenz and Father Mariusz

- Great Floors bid on the flooring for the Parish Center which includes flooring the kitchen , pantry storage areas, bathrooms, and the stairway. The bid came in at \$13,000. The committee has asked for another bid by Northwest Flooring and Tile.
- Maintenance on the heat tape is progressing with Jeff speaking with an electrician. Fixing the heat tape is a high priority item.

Religious & Adult Education: Joe Dahmen and Andy Finney

- Religious Education is concluding for the year. John Kastelic will be handing out awards to the catechist teachers for all of their hard work and dedication.
- Bible study has had good attendance and is going strong.

- At the last HFCS board meeting, enrollment numbers for the 2017-18 school year were given. Presently over 230 students are enrolled at HFCS. With the increased enrollment, the financial statement for the school is looking good.

Legacy Moves Forward: Ellen Jaeger and Joe Dahmen

- Total donations for the Mission House have reached \$603,371 in cash and \$300,480 in pledges outstanding. The target date for completion of the formal fundraising campaign is Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. In order to begin construction on the project, the diocese requires 70% of the \$1/1 million dollar budget in hand. We need \$166,629 more in cash to reach that goal and begin construction.
- Father told the Council there are three options to move forward. The parish could wait to raise the money; look at the plans and trim costs accordingly; or borrow money from the parish itself and repay as more funds are raised. The project is short \$162,629 to begin work.
- The Council decided to move forward with the project by borrowing from the parish and repaying. All members were in agreement with this decision. It was mentioned there are still two fundraising events that will bring in additional funds. One is the remaining naming opportunities for rooms in the Mission House and the other is the Summer Garden Event planned at the Hagadone's residence.
- Father will announce the decision to move forward at mass on June 3/4th.
- The Summer Garden Event will take place in August. Five hundred tickets will be sold.

New Business:

- Nominations for Parish Council candidates were held the previous week. Four women accepted their nomination. They are Mandy Maxwell, Louise Bluhm, Jennifer McDonald, and Verna Valencia.
- Biographies for each candidate will be in the upcoming bulletin.
- An announcement about a special collection for Father Roger will be on May 20th with collections done on May 27th. St. Pius is holding a special mass for Father Roger on June 4th at 3:00.

The next Parish Council meeting will be a social at Ellen Jaeger's home on June 15th. The new parish council members will be invited along with the present Council and their spouses.

Father led the Council in a closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Lenz
Parish Recording Secretary