

Holy Innocents Church Parish Council Minutes - October 10, 2019

Attendees:

Fr. Ed Gorman, Alice Wagner, Mary Law, Rebekah Lee, Rither Alabre, Thomas Trudo, Mike Fisher, Tim Kelley, Richard Damiano, Laura Moore, Danielle Dispenza, Maria Fitzgerald, Steve Busby, Karen McCarthy, Steve Trombetta

Meeting was called to order: 7:34PM

1. Opening Prayer: Rebekah Lee
2. Approval of Minutes: Approved
3. Pastoral Report and Reflection: Very little to report. Please join us at the Barbeque on October 20th.
4. Follow up from last meeting:
 - a. Parish Beautification: Father Gorman
Father Gorman received the contract in the mail for landscaping for the front of Holy Innocents "HI". He just needs to approve it once it is reviewed. This is regarding the Girl Scout project Sophie Ruhl has been working on. Work should hopefully start in the Fall.
 - b. Life Skills Update: Father Gorman has been working with Dan A. from PHS regarding the Life Skills program. PHS is bringing everything up to code (installing emergency exit signs, fire extinguishers and panic bars), so they should be able to start this program soon. They are also purchasing OLP a new Refrigerator. Deirdre Vedovino stepped down from Parish Council as it is a conflict of interest for her to represent Life Skills at HI and then discuss project in parish council meetings.
 - c. Money Counting. Karen M: Up to 8 to 10 people counting. Tim Kelley joined us last week. We are now dividing groups into two, so people don't have to come each week.
 - d. Our Lady of Pompei "OLP" Updates: Father Gorman
Steps and sidewalks have been fixed. Still working on getting railing fixed. Steve Trombetta wanted to know the process of how many bids Father Gorman received in order to move forward with the sidewalk and steps of OLP. Steve had been working with Mike on getting bids for this project, as well. Father Gorman said he went to the Village to get a permit. Permit was \$450. The village offered to split the fee with the church if we used one of their contracted vendors (Louis) to do the work. Cost of completing the project was approximately \$2,400. Still need to fix the back stairs of

OLP. The church requires 3 bids when the work is over \$30,000. OLP has been re-keyed. Only one parishioner has a key.

e. HI Updates:

- a. Father Gorman reported the steps to the social hall need to be repaired.
- b. We need a new kitchen at HI. The stove is a fire hazard and Father Gorman it is no longer able to be used. Senior lunch food is coming in hot and we are using Sterno's to keep warm. We discussed creating a committee for kitchen project. Father Gorman priced some commercial stoves at Berger Hardware which are in the range of \$15,000. The council brainstormed parishioners who may be able to help including one who works at Restaurant Depot who might be able to help us. Tom Trudo is experienced with hotel construction and he offered to help.
- c. Father Gorman reported the new security system is up and running and the staff is very happy with it.
- d. Rither and MaryAnn Dowd attended a seminar at St. Joseph's regarding abuse in the church and how the archdiocese is addressing lawsuits brought by victims & survivors. They discussed the change in the law around the statute of limitations. Almost all the lawsuits are from 2002 and before. Fr. Gorman recommended the everyone read the book "A Letter to the Suffering Church." The council discussed making the book available and a book group or evening discussion around the book.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

1. Fund Raising: Parish Raffle: Mark Manix called SirSpeedy about having raffle tickets printed. The council decided to kick off this event on 10/20 at the Family Barbeque and let it run for 6 weeks. We will pick the winners after the 5:15pm mass on December 1st. We need to sell tickets after all the masses and we passed around a sign up for all Parish Council Members. We will have 300 tickets that cost \$100 each. If we sell \$30,000 in tickets, the Church will net \$20,000 in profit. We expect each PC Member to try to sell five. Father Gorman said to the PC Members that he doesn't expect for each person on the council to buy five tickets. The prizes will likely be 1st place \$5,000, 2nd place \$2,000, 3rd \$1,000, 4th \$500 (4 prizes). It was also suggested we have a card reader. Father Gorman believes we have one. Laura said she will ask Mark to move forward with the printing and coordinate with Alice and Barbara Mackin on the card reader and process for ticket distribution.
2. Finance Committee: Mike Cusack said there is no update because Finance committee meeting is next Thursday.

3. Renew & Rebuild Update: No update
4. Social Concerns Committee, Maryknoll Sisters: Alice Wagner / The Social Concerns Committee visited the nuns at Maryknoll Residential Care on September 14, 2019. They brought Apple Cider, doughnuts, cookies and chocolate candy. Alice brought birthday cards, note pads and pens. On October 5, 2019 they returned to Maryknoll, bringing apple pies, ice cream, iced tea and chocolate candy. Maria Fitzgerald told Alice she would be interested in joining her for a visit at some point. November 9th is the next scheduled date to visit Maryknoll.
5. Youth Ministry: Father Gorman reported that Father Luke has had two meetings with the youth group. Attendance remains strong and they are arranging visits to the cottage school and for the breakfast run.
6. Religious Education: Maria L via Laura Moore: 530 enrolled for 2019/2020, 600 children enrolled 2018/2019. The incoming class is generally smaller than the graduating class. Upcoming meetings with parents for First Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation. Please keep all students and families in your prayers.
7. Parish Events: Danielle Dispenza / Recreation was September 18th. We had a huge turnout with 52 people. We had the food catered by Trotta. Upcoming Recreation dates: 10/2, 11/13 (Thanksgiving Theme) and 12/4. Parish Events Committee meeting was held on September 24th. Danielle proposed to restructure Parish Events and have people focus on specific sub committees, Men's Club (Bourbon & bacon, cigar night), Children's events, etc. The committee is looking to increase volunteers to appeal to a broader group of moms, kids and men.

Upcoming Family Events:
10/20 – Parish BBQ
10/27 – Pumpkin Carving
12/21 - Reason for Season
4/18/20 - Empty Tomb Play

8. Food Pantry: We are still collecting food for Methodist Church. We have restricted access to the Methodist Church because we don't have a key and can only drop non-perishable items at specific times. They are appreciative of His continued support.
9. Music Ministry: Lessons and Carols will take place on December 8th at 7:30 pm. The Music Ministry is actively seeking new members especially for the children's choir.

10. CYO: John McCarthy relayed to Karen McCarthy the following: 350 children registered from 3rd grade to high school. We average about 100-150 kids in the clinics, so a total of 500 for this year. We need to send referee fees to all coaches. The coaches pay the referees at each game. The referee fee is \$55 for 12 games equals \$660 needed for each coach. High school referees receive \$60 a game for 12 games with a total of \$720 for high school Coaches. There are 28 teams in total. We usually average \$20,000 in referee fees for the year from regular games to playoffs. John will be submitting cost next week for equipment needed for the season. This year we need to replenish the basketball bins for BRS for the clinics. We alternate every year with Dads Club. Peggy DiCarlo will be submitting uniform money for the teams, which we reimburse Laurel Lee Sports. Due to the mark up, the uniforms make money for the parish.

Closing Prayer: Rebekah Lee

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.