Mary of the Visitation

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Mary of the Visitation Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2019 at the West Campus (Becker). The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. Members present: James Adelman, Tracy Johnson, Geary Keppel, Theresa Slominski, Melissa Dumonceaux, Jeff Howell, Rich Hubbard, and Brenda Prudhomme. Also present were Fr. Mike Kellogg, Pastor, and Trustee, Eric Krause. No Parishioners were in attendance. No Youth Council Representatives were present. The Agenda was approved. The March minutes were approved.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

None

**PARISHIONER CONCERNS**

None.

**UPDATES**

**Area Catholic Communities (ACC):** Father will be attending a meeting in July and will update when returns.

**Diocesan Affairs:** Nothing new to report on bankruptcy status.

**Land/Property/Future Status:** Since there was no meeting in April, no additional information has been gathered. Clay was not in attendance this meeting and so the pew cards approval was tabled.

**Strategic Planning:** It was decided to defer this planning until the new parish council members are present and start again with them so they can learn and provide input while serving. Stewardship has risen to the top in past years and seems to be a recurring theme. Other items discussed were actually being the hands and feet of Christ rather than just talking about it, and how some momentum is needed, but how to do that is still a question. There was discussion and questions on the process, identifying the need for measurable goals for a ten year plan, and the vision as a starting point. A question was asked if we were addressing the needs of our young families in the parish and discussion followed.

**A.L.I.C.E.:** The acronym stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. Rich Hubbard organized an event in May with presentations by the Becker and Big Lake police with about 30-35 parishioners in attendance. The presentation was videotaped for additional viewing as there were many activities that night and many were not able to attend, and this will be available on the website and the parish Facebook page. There will be a meeting in August with a volunteer group to set priorities of items to address moving forward and the start of educating everyone in the parish. In the future it will be part of ministry training.

**MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS**

None. There will be an agenda item moving forward in case there is something that needs to be brought forward to the council.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

There will be a discernment meeting June 12, 7pm in Becker for parish council nominees. There was discussion on how to improve the process in future years. All parish council member are encouraged to attend the discernment meeting to help answer questions for the nominees.

A parish council retreat is being considered for the next parish council group. Father with contact Kings House for dates.

Our snowplow person is retiring and if we have to pay for this service it could potentially impact the budget by about $15,000. Buildings and Grounds will be contacted to reach out to current parish members who might be able to provide this service.

**ACTION ITEMS**

* Clay will bring back questions for pew cards to review.
* Father will coordinate a retreat date for the council.
* Father will contact Buildings and Grounds regarding the snowplow retirement.

The meeting was closed with prayer. The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 7:00 PM at the East Campus in Big Lake.

**All parishioners are welcome to attend!**

Submitted by Theresa Slominski, acting Recording Secretary