Mary of the Visitation

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 26th, 2021

East Campus, Big Lake

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present: Fr. Mike Kellogg, James Adelman, Brenda Ewing, Bonnie DeZelar, Melissa Demonceaux, Clay Wilfart, Geary Keppel, Greg Scherber, Sandi Ferris
3. Approval of September Minutes

Ministry Training - Training is tomorrow, Wed Oct 27th and on Sat Oct 39th.

1. New Council Members Update
   1. Brenda has been working with Danette to put together and update the binders that are given to new members. Binders will contain a list of contact information, Mission statement with prayer, bylaws, ministry team list, and minutes from the past year. We discussed including a finance report and budget. Decided that would not be included. Bylaws and contact information is the most important. Providing the past years work of minutes would be helpful to provide new members with a history and background of the work that has been done. Council members updated a contact sheet for Danette and terms of current members are listed in the bulletin.
   2. We also discussed having some form of a name tag to be identified if needed. We discussed having tags to wear or use paper folded table name tags to use at meetings. This could be helpful for new members. The decision was tabled at this time
2. Ministry Teams Update
   1. The list of committees was discussed. Questions were asked: What are the teams that are out there? Which ones are functioning? Which ones need to be updated/modified? We need the support of the ministry teams to support the Strategic Plan. We discussed the best way to gain information from each committee and determine how they are functioning. Council member could try to attend each of the ministry meetings as they occur. What do we need to do as a Parish Council to support the committees and their work? Committees leaders are perhaps are getting burned out. We felt it would be good to get a report from the committees. Perhaps at an upcoming Parish Council Meeting. November or January?? We need to know what each committee is doing. We should look at what is working and see how we can bring that to other committees. Could the Youth Advisory Committee help the other committees? Do all the committees meet at the same time? See the schedule for all the meetings. We discussed having all the committee meetings on the same night in one campus and then get together at the end and share. That may be difficult on a monthly basis but may be doable once a year. We could present it to the Committee Chairs and see what they think. Want to make sure that we reach out to the parishioners as well. Host a Committee College fair. Come see what the committee is doing.
   2. January Parish Council Meeting – we will invite all the committee chairs and the Knights of Columbus to the January meeting. James will reach out each of the committee leaders and invite them to the meeting. We would like to identify the purpose of each committee and evaluate what they do. We may discover that some committees could be combined. By all of us working together we can work better on the strategic plan.
3. Time and Talent Results – Fr. Mike will get the list of those that have signed up. We want to be sure that they are contacted if they have volunteered. Tabled until November.
4. Constitution – Changes and modifications were discussed. We would like the meeting time to say from 7-8 pm unless otherwise notified. We need to take the time to finish what needs to be done, but want to be respectful of Council members time and family commitments.
5. Land/Property – Clay reached out to an architect for an estimate. They will give us a rough outline of what it would look like and cost. A lot of them want us to pay a start-up fee. Should we pay that or not? Are we still looking for land? We are going to get a few estimates from an architect. What is the land size at each location? What if there is no land? Tabled discussion until November.
6. Big Lake property – there is a party that is interested in purchasing a parcel of the land at Big Lake. This would be an option agreement. Option for payment. Land to the south of us.
7. November Agenda Items
   1. Time & Talent Update
   2. Finance Information – Melissa
   3. Land/Property/Future
   4. January Parish Meeting Plans – Discuss/Plan for Ministry Committee Chairs Attending the meeting
8. Next Meeting: November 23rd, 2021 at 7:00 pm – West Campus, Becker