

St. Clement Parish Council Minutes of the May 19, 2016 Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 19, 2016 with the opening prayer led by Fr. John.

Members present: Marisa Alderson, Carol Bass, Dennis, Busch, Jessica Hermsen, Chris Marfilius, Mary Jean Seiler, Teresa Stader, Bill Manthe (guest), Fr. John (ex officio).

Members Absent: Rob Winter

Consideration of Agenda/Additions: Topics Bill would like to add include Family Promise and Parish Directory

New Members: Several parish members have expressed an interest in being members of the Parish Council. Jessica asked if Bill and Fr John would contact those people.

Summer Band Fundraiser: Discussion about possible bands to play for and an early evening of family fun in July. Details and thoughts re music, dates, location and stage, food source, sponsors, etc. Intentions are for a fun family night open to the public that does not interfere with other planned and scheduled events in Lancaster. Jessica is in contact with possible bands and will inform via email when information is learned.

Pledge Cards: Currently 190 of the 600 pledge cards have been returned indicating a contribution increase. A second round of cards will be mailed out to those who have not yet responded.

Consideration of Minutes:

Pastoral Council: Minutes for March 17, 2016 meeting approved.

Finance Council: Minutes for April 12, 2016 meeting approved. Possible new members will be contacted; parishioners have requested income/expense statements, more transparency in operation of parish and meeting minutes current and accessible; Home and School agreed on 50/50 split in expenses; consideration of tuition increase for 2016-2017 school year; Catholic Herald newspaper subscription discussed, payment v outreach program.

Education Commission: Minutes for May 12, 2016 meeting approved. A 'Science Tests Faith' video course is planned for the fall. A large venue is needed for the presentation.

Vocations Commission: Minutes for May 10, 2016 meeting approved. . A 'Traveling Chalice' program was discussed. This is similar to the MTA family prayer currently in place.

Date for School Auction: Previous date was close to the harvest festival. New day would be late March/early April. Other spring time fundraiser possibilities were discussed.

Fr. John's Report:

- Pledge drive continues; graphic of progress planned and to be available in vestibule.

- "Science Tests Faith" video program in August or September.
- "Traveling Chalice" program
- Summer programs will be available in the bulletin
- There will be 2 groups going to Stuebenville this year.
- There will be NO seminarian with us this summer as per contact by diocese and the seminarian.

Additions: A Parish Directory by the Life Portraits company is planned for 2017, as there have been requests for this visual history.

Family Promise program will be in operation the week of May 22, 2016. Prayers requested for successful week.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment Prayer: Prayer led by Fr. John.

Submitted by Mary Jean Seiler, Secretary