

**Parish Council Minutes**  
**January 17, 2018**

**Present:** Mary Cimperman, Thad Grzesiak, Angie Hanson, Claire Hsia, Joel Loecken, Paula Lutz, Jane Oyen, Dean Rademacher, Fr. Terry Rasmussen, Paul Sario, Jackie Schluter-Johnson, Terri Wehling and Sophie Latourelle.

**Absent:** Gabby Johnson

**Prayer:** Angie Hanson-A Call to Accountability

**Bright Side Check In:** Parish Council members all shared something that we are thankful for or appreciate.

**November Meeting Minutes:** Approved.

**Youth Report:** Sophie Latourelle reported that they had a football game party. A lock-in is scheduled for next weekend at Maple Grove Community Center. There are at least four spots remaining on the Mission trips: Middle School Milwaukee and High School Crow Reservation in Montana. Both trips are put together through YouthWorks. There was a giving back to donor National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) breakfast. The donors made the cost \$150 instead of \$500 for each student to travel to Indianapolis. Participants gave testimonials, made a video and created a brochure. Parents also shared their thanks for the support. Many donors are parents whose kids were active in Youth Ministry.

**Report from Dean Rademacher:** At the end of 2017, some parishioners pre-paid donations for 2018 and even 2019 because of changing tax codes. The parish is considering these gifts for the year designated and placed them in deferred accounts. The December giving goal was surpassed.

Flocknote use is up to 577 users. The first parish wide communication will be sent in February. A new program for families with young children is launching in February. The parish can sign up people engaged in programs into Flocknote. Erin on staff has done a nice job of assisting the process.

Christmas set-up and take down day was well attended. A small lunch was appreciated. Staff was very helpful as well.

A staff retreat was well received.

The parish committed \$5,000 to PRISM to help their move. Volunteers are working with Jason for a "Love those Olives" event.

The morning of May 19<sup>th</sup> will be Super Service Saturday.

We are doing a Feed My Starving Children event with the mobile pack. It will be at the Egan Building again. There was a discussion to encourage competition within our own church groups to participate. Dean will bring the idea back to staff.

The parish staff is tightening the graphics use policy for the parish.

All registrations now have an online component.

**Transportation for the Homebound to Mass:** Thad raised a concern because homebound parishioners can no longer use the St. Therese system. Our insurance does not encourage us to organize rides, however, some parishes provide names of people that need rides and parishioners follow-up. Dean will follow-up with questions to our insurance company. Parish Council members Thad, Paul, Mary and Paula will research what other churches are doing. We started talking about creative solutions. Perhaps a liability waiver?

**March Meeting:** Jackie will lead the meeting.

**Time Capsule:** We haven't opened the time capsule yet. We could do it around St. Joseph Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We will open it Tuesday evening on March 20 as part of the St. Joseph's dinner.

**Welcome Dinner:** The scheduled date is April 14. The St. Joseph's Table Group has agreed to co-host again. It will be a potluck. We will need a Parish Council member to volunteer at the next meeting to help coordinate this.

**Bible Study:** There was a conversation about encouraging Bible Study Groups, maybe using the Renew Group process to encourage.

**Christmas Mass Idea:** Terri suggested a 3:00 pm Children's Christmas Eve mass. It would take a special request to the Archdiocese.

**Church Temperature:** It has been hard to regulate the church temperature because of a damper problem with our HVAC. Our HVAC control system is not easily programmed. The system is old. It is in the plan to upgrade the system.

**Sound Board Projection:** The Projection Board job is a challenge because it is so public. It is not an easy job. It is important to be sure people that do the job can be successful.

**Fr. Terry Update:** The Archdiocese bankruptcy process continues to move forward, but far from settled. The priests of the Archdiocese continue to hope for a resolution.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.**