St. Sebastian Parish Council

7/25/2019 Minutes

In Attendance: Father Valencheck, Mary Pat Doorley, Jennifer Sullivan, Matt Akers, Rocco Galizio, Dominic Colucy, Brian Doucet, Tracie D’Antonio, and Christina Mastromatteo

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

PASTOR’S REPORT

Meetings with the mayor and various departments continues, Akron has hired someone to organize all art venues in Akron

Brick street repairs will be coming soon, replacement is 2 years away.

The city has decided to leave triangle alone and is considering removing the little sidewalk and widening street for “nose in” parking, they will be replacing current sidewalks from the circle to Schneider Park

Perkins will be torn down within the week. Housing project will still be in that spot but the plan has changes to having more expensive homes with bigger lots and fewer total homes.

Interviews are being conducted for Cathy’s job, 2ppl but wanted $20,000 more than current salary.

Emails are going out again claiming to be Father Valencheck and asking for favors.

Bishop Barron book study- one group set aside books. Fr. Simone wants to offer a study for the whole parish. Women’s group, YA group plus youth group will hold small group studies.

Diocese- $20 million goal for renovation of seminary and an endowment to pay down student debt of seminarians and the clergy retirement fund.

Young Adult Housing update: have houses, lawyer and group to find young adults, may be ready for September. Plan is for it to be a 3 year “course” including prayer, communal living, parish and community service. St. Irene house modeled after Dayton

90th- Book of history of parish through 1968 sold for $10 should be ready in 2 weeks

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Council Nomination Procedure- Matt- something in the bulletin about what is Parish Council and what it does. Will send out to group.

Maybe make parish council nomination form available online.

Gmail email account is removed, no one has access to it

Ministry Fair- Ivan has agreed to help, Sara is not able.

Directories have officially arrived and will be distributed after every Mass. Volunteers needed:

4:30- Chris & Tracy

9- Jennifer & Brian

11- Tiffany & Christina

1- Dominic & Matt

Extra copies available at the Rectory for $5

NEW BUISNESS

-Bylaws

-Ministry list- Someone from parish council engages with their assigned ministries each month to see if there are any needs or concerns and then report out at the meeting.

-Meeting schedule- will be added to website, invite parishioners to attend but ask them to RSVP. December meeting on the 5th, ask Marcy if she can make dinner.

-Vulnerable adult policy liability waiver Call diocese about giving rides. 216-696-6525- Jennifer

PULSE OF THE PARISH

VBS- 120 kids attending along with 60 youth volunteers and 10 adults Taking place July 29-Aug 2

Michelle Huber:

- New Family Picnic is Thursday, August 15th

-A series of ads celebrating our school’s 90th anniversary will begin appearing in August

-New website still on track for mid August

-Preparing all the information for the Increased Offertory Program that will be presented to parishioners in September

-Working with Natalie (zhall manager) to update all contracts and online registration for zhall

-Welcome to Kindergarten postcards were mailed to all new kindergarteners

Kathy Holaday:   
#1 - Foundation 2018 Annual Report has been mailed – let Kathy know if you have not received a copy

#2 - The Spring/Summer 2019 Alumni Newsletter is in process

#3 - Father Valencheck has written a history book on our parish – it will be printed and available for purchase. Would Parish Council sign up to help sell the books in the back of the church? I am anticipating that they will be available later in August.

PROJECTS:

#1 – My goal is to increase Foundation Awareness – various articles in the bulletins especially focused on legacy giving and the Arrow Society. New brochure is available!

#2 - Project Spruce Up - Attention all Alumni, Parishioners, Families and Friends! Please support the School’s 90th Anniversary project to replace the hallway floors, repair the stairwells and clean/refresh the hallway walls.

\* So far…..75 Donors have donated close to $30,000 – as of 7/18/19

Our goal is $100,000 ….and we would love for Parish Council’s support!

#3 - Come Home for the 90th – November 29 - Need school hallway monitors from 7:30-8:15 !!

#4 – Over 54 people attended the June 27th Meet the Board! Thank you for attending!

Right to Life has asked to meet somewhere at St. Sebastian-maybe at Forest Lodge?

Marcy Smith Parish Council volunteers are needed for set up, serving and clean up for the spaghetti dinner on Saturday September 14th after the 4:30 Mass. A concert will follow. Please contact Jennifer if you can help, she will coordinate volunteers for Marcy.

Closing prayer led by Brian at 7p.m.

Nest meeting Thursday August 22nd -7pm-Rectory