



St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

9/23/2021

In Attendance: Father Valencheck, Tracie, Marcy, Christina, Jennie, Sue, Susan, Ed, Alex

Excused: Natalie, Ivan, Dave

Time Began: 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Welcome

- Opening prayer - Tracie

Pastor's Report - Fr. Valencheck

- Still in Covid mode so not much new is happening.
- Tuesday morning 9/22/21 Bishop Pilla died. Funeral will be next Tuesday.
- Project ideas: Create larger Early Learning Center, all offices under one roof, creating several meeting spaces, safer crossing to Byrider from St. Sebastia,, and creating a new greenhouse. Waiting for assessment of Byrider Hall since it was built on a swamp.
- Mull Ave - new gas lines installation should start in a few weeks.
- Roof repairs had to be postponed due to rain this week.
- HVAC will be installed in about one month.
- Not sure how long we will keep two priests at the Parish. If this happens, we will need to evaluate impact and make changes.
- Trees are about to be trimmed at a cost \$10,000.

Old Business

- Stewardship Parishes
 - Report passed onto Diocese.
 - Benefits: more vocations, higher mass attendance, teaching of Time, Talent, Treasure as a way of life, can offer free Catholic education to Parishioners, tithes are substantially higher.
 - Blessed Trinity Ocala, FL would be willing to present about the success of being a stewardship parish.
 - Holy Family in Stow may be a Stewardship Parish. Ed will follow-up to confirm.
 - There would be a separate council to oversee the Stewardship Program that would work with Parish Council and Finance Council.
- Continue to review and add ideas for the 100th anniversary celebration year.
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Jennie reached out to Michelle Huber and has now posted volunteer opportunities on website and will be posted in the bulletin.
 - Jennie will keep information updated.

New Business

- Replacement of Matt DuBroy on Parish Council
 - Called Jim Lundry about participating on the Council. Jim will discern and let Christina know his decision.

- There are two other candidates that can be considered if Jim declines.

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

- See attachment.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2021 at 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Rectory

Prayer and Compline – Susan Clark

Refreshments: Sue Sassano (wine), Alex Mathis (wine), Marcy Smith (savory)