St. Anthony Catholic Church

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of May 13, 2021

Location: In-person and Zoom

Meeting time: 6:00pm

Parish Council Members present: Tony Fuhs, Monica Mesa, Alicia Vieyra, Clarence Darrow, Larry Duke, Al Gahagan, Louis Granato, Tom Pastrnak, John Cooper, Fr. Rudy in person, Joe Laverty on Zoom.

Recording Secretary: Tina Wagschal

Action Items:

The following action items were approved by unanimous vote of all Members present and on Zoom.

1. Motion to approve Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Meeting made by Al Gahagan, seconded by Clarence Darrow. Motion to approve Minutes of the April 8, 2021 Meeting, made by Louis Granto, seconded by Clarence Darrow.
2. Motion to approve Corporate Resolutions to be created, signatures obtained and funds wired to the Congo made by Louis Granto, seconded by Al Gahagan.

Discussion Was Had Regarding:

1. Big Brother/Big Sisters Property Acquisition. Due diligence has lapsed. Closing has been moved up to 6/10/21 with BB/BS to pay utilities on building until they vacate by August 16, 2021 and show proof of insurance. Kay, Mike and John worked with Fred Ebeling and new drawings will go to city for approval. Once approved, bids will be accepted on remodel. Would like for Kay Steele to attend June meeting.
2. Sister Parish in the Congo. On the Bishops directive, Congo fund will be disbursed to the Congo and that such tender shall end and conclude St. Anthony’s obligation for the Congo and any sister parish relationship there with. Discussion was held as to a possible Sister Parish. Guidelines from CRS delineates what is a Sister Parish? Sister Parishes should be formed to share culture but not be based upon financial need by one or the other of the parishes.
3. Sale of Rectory to Fr. Apo/Purchase of Rectory to Fr. Rudy. Discussion held regarding this transaction. Questions asked and answered. Council members indicate they are satisfied and this subject can be closed.
4. Status of St. Mary’s proceeds. Money will be disbursed forthwith. Anticipate having funds prior to the closing on June 10, 2021. Portion of the funds are still in Investment form through Edward Jones. At this time, this will be left.
5. Board Composition for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. After discussion, Fr. Rudy will select one more person to bring on to the Parish Council, which will bring the total to 9. Parish Council needs to determine if there is to be election or if positions will be filled by appointment. Three members will be leaving the board.
6. Finance Council. New Finance Council has met. Finance Council’s purpose is to be a vehicle for the Parish Council. Dave Schebler has been named Finance Council President. Apologies from Father Rudy as to not informing the Parish Council of events regarding changes in a timely manner.
7. New Business:
8. Update on Steering Committee for Parish Planning. Committee has been formed with 2 members each from Parish Council, Finance Council and Stewardship Council and John and Fr. Rudy. There will be a parish-wide survey regarding the needs.
9. Rediscovering Sundays. This is an initiative called for by the Bishop. John is working on the Steering Committee and they are developing a satisfaction survey.
10. ADA goal. Letter sent out to each parishioner that has not donated and it will be talked about at each of the Mass with Fr. Rudy giving the message. We are looking at bring in a Seminarian and talking about all the things the Diocese does for the church.
11. Social Meeting at Mac’s after Parish Council Meeting in June.
12. Copies of all staff reports distributed. They include Kim Noftsker, Music Director report; Tina Wagschal, Financial reports; Kay Steele, DRE/youth minister and John Cooper, Business manager.

Thereafter Fr. Rudy gave the closing prayer and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Wagschal