

St. Anthony Parish Council
Minutes / March 15, 2018
6:00 pm. / Parish Center

Present: Teresa Crossen, Larry Duke, Carrie Delcourt (President), Cody Kiroff, Tonia Rogers, Bill Schutte (Vice President), Rolando Gonzales, Denise Hoteling, John Cooper, Deb Williams, Fr. Apo.

The opening prayer was given by Bill Schutte.

The minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2018 were approved by a motion of Larry Duke and vote of the Council.

Draft #2 of the Parish Council Constitution was distributed to members with changes discussed at the last meeting highlighted. All changes suggested were approved.

Carrie asked each Council member to submit a short biography of self to be placed with their picture which must be submitted also (if not done already). These bio's and pictures will be published on the Parish website and as an flier in a Parish Bulletin to inform parishioners who is on the current council--putting a face with the name. This information would tie in to the upcoming election of three new Council members. The election is outlined in the Parish Bulletin but currently, no nominations have been received, one suggestion received. The notice will remain in the Bulletins to be published.

The Garage Annex has been cleaned out and is now in use for McAnthony Window patrons to sit, eat their breakfast, be out of the weather and interact with volunteer parish members. Tables and chairs have been put in the Annex and all parishioners are welcome to come and visit/interact with patrons of the Window. Currently there are 20 volunteers signed up. There must be a minimum of two volunteers in the Annex per morning if any may serve.

The Faith Formation Committee will help with the Christ Our Life program/event to be held in Des Moines, September 20, 30, 2018. Bus reservations, ticket sales to the event will require coordination. Flyers advertising the event are being distributed.

Bob Bellman will survey parishioners about chartering a bus to attend a Chicago Cubs game---maybe a smaller bus for a smaller crowd. Cody will look into Modern Woodman's trip to Chicago.

Other Business:

A new sound system and speakers are being installed in the Church next week. Nine feet long Bose speakers will be located vertically next to the statues of Joseph and Mary (one on each side of the statues). New microphones were purchased also. Removal of the large speaker located on the ceiling above the altar is not included in the new purchase and currently not planned/scheduled for removal.

An informational print concerning Amazon Smile was distributed to members. When ordering through Amazon one may choose to go through Amazon Smile. This program gives back to a registered charitable organization a donation based upon purchases made. Administration in the Parish would have to establish the Parish as a valid charitable organization.

Tonia Rogers inquired about who to approach besides the Council on funding for improvements to the Church. She would like to see outside identification of St. Anthony's as a Catholic Church...an example would be an outside statue of St. Anthony. The Finance Council would have to be met with

for such a project besides the Council.

Staff Reports

Accountant: Deb Williams. No report

Business Manager: John Cooper.

Under Maintenance---Window washing, doors painted, solar lighting for the Mary statue outside, finish landscaping with JC Landscaping leaving some annuals, updating/renewing the Wrigley sign in the parking lot.

Kneelers that have been removed from the Church are stored behind the altar and need to be removed. They have no value but we could survey the current kneelers in the church and replace them with those up for disposal. There are pews to be sold/disposed of stored in the Library also. Other unneeded items which need to be placed for sale are: John Deere tractor deck mower, blower and a leaf collector, plus a couple of window air conditioners.

Building and Grounds needs to build donations for future and also current projects –updating the confessionals, electrical work in the Church and Parish Center, landscaping of the grounds.

Pastoral Associate; John Cooper.

A number history of “new parishioners” to St. Anthony's was given.....27 in 2015 (7 baptisms) , 30 in 2016 (7 baptisms),. 19 in 2017 (5 baptisms), 11 currently in 2018.

Welcome baskets are being given to new registered parishioners. The response to the visit and gift has been great.

The published “Lenten Reflections” are well received. The Catholic Messenger will have a story about the Reflections next week.

RCIA – the current class has 5 adults (three baptized, 2 coming into the Church) and 2 children to be baptized and 2 coming into the Church. Next year's inquiry RCIA class is meeting now.

DRE/Youth Ministry – Denise Hoteling.

Movie Night” – The Ten Commandments on March 10th had 11 youth attending.

First Communion will be April 22 with a practice on April 21.

There had been a 7th Grade student/parent Confirmation meeting March 11th.

First Reconciliation will be held during Communal Penance.

Music - Kim Noftsker

A printed report was distributed to all members in Kim's absence. All choral and instrumental groups have been working on the Lenten Concert to be given on Palm Sunday, March 25. The concert will include the Ukulele Band, the String Choir, the Youth Choir's presentation of “O Chicken of Little Faith,” and the Adult Choir. Advertisements have been made to the community plus Fran Riley of

KWQC will tape a program on the Ukulele group to be aired the Monday after Good Friday.

Pastor's Corner – Fr. Apo.

An Easter Egg Hunt for children will be held in the Parish Center after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

A motion to adjourn was approved by all members.

Fr. Apo gave the closing prayer.

The next Council meeting will be April 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Marlene Metzgar-Thompson, Secretary.

