

Parish Council Meeting November 7, 2017

Present: Fr. Sebastian, Corinne Bardgett, Ray Bockskopf, Doug Broleman, Celeste Engel, Don Franke, Dominic Grana, Denise Klevorn, Joe Pavlik, John Ross, Dick Zerega, Patti Zerega

The council chair led a discussion to develop a vision for 2018 by soliciting input from parish council members utilizing the topic, What is our vision of a Catholic parish Community? The responses varied such as:

- Celebration of the body
- Service
- Social Justice
- Faith Formation
- Each organization outreaching to community
- Energetic Liturgy
- More people in our parish community
- Participation in mass
- Inclusive community
- Groups working together
- Welcoming Committee
- Young families at mass from SCCA
- Younger parishioners participating as leaders
- Connected to neighborhood
- Addressing Parishioner needs
- Dynamic growing community
- Diverse community
- Activities
- Prayerful
- Sacraments
- Novenas
- Worshipping God
- Stewardship
- Various spiritual classes
- Having fun as a parish

These comments will be used as part of the discernment for 2018 goals. Discussion and formulation of 2018 goals will continue at the 11/28/17 parish council meeting.

The council reviewed the comments and questions from the Town Hall Meeting held on 9/27/17. The council decided to implement some of the requests from the parish at large as well as discuss the more complex topics. The following are actions resulting from those discussions.

- Joe Pavlik will contact Kate Harden to start to develop a ministry to communicate information about the deaths of parishioners or family members to the parish.
- Joe Pavlik will contact Randy Stoeffel regarding the online giving and develop a presentation to share with the parish community as well as review ease of use and the ability to add sub accounts such as the endowment fund.

- Joe Pavlik will contact Jane Knobbe to determine how to notify OLS alumni beyond just alumni newsletter mailings.
- Dominic Grana will be contacting Paul and Dan Cline regarding communicating OLS events to South City Catholic Academy (SCCA) newsletter.
- Dominic Grana working on getting SCCA contact info into the OLS bulletin.
- Celeste Engel will contact Julie Phelps to request a monthly update from SCCA for the OLS bulletin.

Updates from the Town Hall Comments and Suggestions:

- There was concern that the Christmas flower memorial was going to be cancelled. The program for Christmas Memorial Flowers will continue, however, it may not be poinsettias. More information will be found in December's bulletins.
- There continues to be priest rotation for Sunday masses.

Someone suggested we establish suggestion boxes stationed at the doors of church.

OLS will be hosting the Deanery Meeting & Dinner on November 28 at 5 pm. Deacon Dan is the contact for this event. Celeste Engel will be the POC for the Parish Council (PC) and will coordinate with Deacon Dan. Food pick up from Pietro's at 3:45 pm. Other PC volunteers to set-up, serve, and tear-down are Denise Klevorn, Dominic Grana, Dick Zerega and Corinne Bardgett.

On December 15 at 7 pm, OLS will have a caroling and reception. School families and others will be decorating 27 trees outside the rectory. The reception will include wine, cheese, hot chocolate and snacks for the children. Denise Klevorn and Patti Zerega are co-chairing the judging of the decorated trees as well as the reception following. The trees will be judged a few days before the event. Prizes will be given on 12/15/17 for the best decorated trees. Other members assisting the chairs are John Ross, Celeste Engel and Joe Pavlik.

There is another annual caroling and potluck event scheduled for Dec. 1 at 5 pm sponsored by the Welcoming Committee.

Fr. Sebastian wants to distribute 100 loaves of bread at Thanksgiving mass. Corinne Bardgett will work on the bread purchase and pick-up.

Fr. Sebastian is considering the possibility of moving the daily 6:30 am mass to 7 am; adding Perpetual Help Devotions; and Benediction on the first Friday of the month. Currently South City Catholic Academy (SCCA) students and families are attending and serving at the 10 am mass on the first Sunday of the month.

Fr. Sebastian talked about Christmas activities planned: Dec 15 Caroling and Refreshments, Midnight mass on Christmas Eve where there will be 1000 candles lit.

Fr. Sebastian presented two questions at the parish council meeting.

What is the need of the parish now?

What is the most important need?

Fr. Sebastian talked about needing to reduce staff costs which will be impacting the parish nurse, music, and has already impacted the office staff.

Parish Council is planning to have a meeting with all the organizations within the parish after Jan 26, 2018 to roll-out 2018's parish goals and establish better communication between organizations and parish council.

Oktoberfest slated for 10/20/18. Band secured.

Doug Broleman brought up the need to replace the pumps on the boilers. He is working on getting a cost estimates

The contractors have not returned a cost estimate for upgrades to the Faenger Hall to move the fish fryers to that facility.