

## **Minutes from St. James Parish Council Meeting – 3/23/2021**

**In Attendance:** Father O’Blaney, Rose Barnas, Mike Makhoul, Father Tizio, Melonni Shields, Helen Long, Bob Poling, Jeannette List, Jackie Owsinski, Deacon Tom Owsinski, Rick Eyer, Trina Siegrist, Matt Morgan, Marcello Medini, Betty Jean Schultz, Bill Armstrong, Deacon Ken DiPaola, Ronnie Reynolds, Scott McNelis. **Guest: Tom Scanlon**

**Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** Mike Makhoul called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Prayer Service:** Father O’Blaney and Rose lead the Prayer service; Deacon Ken read the prayer intentions; Rose read the scripture.

**Minutes:** February 23 meeting minutes were approved; motion made to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Marcello Medini, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Armstrong.

### **Areas of Mission**

#### **Youth Ministry (Ronnie):**

- Postponed until April meeting.

#### **R.E.C. (Marcello):**

- “Celebrating Catholic” Theme gathering May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM; rain date is May 23rd.
  - Catholic Trivia
  - Small group discussions
  - Get to Know You – Meet Somebody New
  - Ice Cream Social
- PSG materials can be used to promote this; Rose will send Marcello the link for him to review materials available.
- Going to leave it open ended until closer to the time for small group pairing; goal is to pair a newer parishioner with a longer member parishioner.

#### **Council Nominations (Mike):**

- How are we going to proceed? Mike outlined the time table for the council election process (refer to the 2021 Pastoral Council Election Timeline document for full details).
- Weekend of May 1 & 2 pulpit announcement.
- May 1 to May 9 nominations accepted. In-person by utilizing the box in the Narthex or completing online. Deacon Tom has the online form set up; it just needs to be activated. Nominations wrapped up by May 9<sup>th</sup>.
- At the May 25 meeting, election of new Council Chair and Vice Chair will be carried out by Ex-Officio members.

## **Open Items**

### **Young Adults Slated for Pastoral Council (Father/Rose)**

- Work still in progress.

### **SJN Meeting on “What Church Leaders are Saying” Column (Mike):**

- Meeting was held in Room 104; six attendees (3 for and 3 against). Additional attendees were Father O’Blaney, Mike Makhoul and Betty Jean Schultz. The group met for 1-1/2 hours.
- Meeting opened with prayer and all shared hopes/fears.
- Ground rules were set for confidentiality; each person had five minutes to share their thoughts, then was opened up for all to discuss. One person (against) could not attend but did share written comments.
- Matter is now in Father’s hands.

### **Charity Litmus Test (Finance Committee):**

- Scott McNelis and Joe Gorloski created a checklist of question (refer to the Charity Benchmark & Reporting document for full details).
- Charities must provide us with a written explanation of how they spend their funds

### **Census Update (Rose):**

- Tom Scanlon provided an update:
  - We started with a household count started of 1,345.
  - 262 households were removed from our records.
  - Our new household count is 1,083 families.
- Deacon Ken – how many are new parishioners? Tom will count and provide Mike the information for him to share with council members.
- Marcello – what age group is asking for what?
- Deacon Ken – it’s important to connect with the new parishioners.
- Rose asked Mike to add to New Business for April to talk about the overall picture and the plan where we start.
- Bill – personal touch cannot not be lost; it’s critical.

## **New Business**

### **Evangelus Update (Mike) – What is it and where to go with it?**

- Deacon Tom – we are getting good responses to the E-Bulletin.
- Not getting any bounce backs.
- Marcello and Jeannette gave their thanks for all the work.
- Melonni would like to start using Evangelus to communicate with her WWP group; Deacon Tom will help her get that set up.

### **Upcoming Dates:** - None

### **Pastor's comments:**

Father O'Blaney stated his surgery is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Father Tizio and Deacon's will cover the Liturgy. Bingo starts April 5<sup>th</sup>; can have up to 100 people. Sharon Flory cleaned SJH kitchen. Father is very pleased with the Finance Committee and Parish Council! Thank you!

Father Tizio is looking forward to see how the nomination process goes.

### **Additional Comments:**

- Melonni – the Stations are a wonderful addition our property!

Father O'Blaney offered the closing prayer.

**Next meeting:** April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM, **Zoom and Room 104.**

**Respectfully Submitted:** Trina Siegrist