

**Parish Council Meeting
September 26, 2017**

Attending Members: Fr. Greg Benkowski, Michele Nutsch, Brian Keenan, Greg Beninato, Tom Harper, Alan Large, Deacon Tim Leininger, Kevin Malick, Eileen McKinstra, Connie Novacek, John Ryan, Sara Ballard and Kayleen Wallace.

Absent: Todd Saettele, Marvin Schulz and Dennis Smid.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the August meeting were approved.

Parish Committee Reports

Ladies Guild – Jean Nauss reported that the group has a balance of approximately \$6,300 currently in their bank account. Profits from this year’s garage sale were \$6,200 and the proceeds were used to purchase 21 refurbished Mac computers for the school. This year’s fundraisers will be used to purchase a literary intervention system for the school. This system assists teachers to help with lower achieving students to help them get to the appropriate reading level. It is a step by step reading recovery system. The cost is approximately \$3,000 per grade level. The profits from Sausagefest for the group were approximately \$2,000. The group will hold the annual St. Nick Dinner on December 3rd and will try to secure sponsors again this year to help offset the cost of the dinner.

500 Club – Jean Nauss reported that the club has a balance of approximately \$4,447 in their account. Proceeds from this activity will be used by the Ladies Guild to sponsor 2 “Reflection Saturday’s”. One will be held on December 9th and will focus on being ready for Advent and Christmas and the other will be held February 24th and will focus on being ready for Lent.

Religious Education – Jennifer Muckey reported that there are currently 27 students from 19 families enrolled in Religious Education. Jennifer and Mrs. Wallace will be going through the list of parishioners with school age children to ensure all school age children are enrolled either in the school or the Religious Education program. The first meeting/class was held September 6th. First Reconciliation is January 13th, 2018. First Communion is March 11, 2018 and Confirmation is April 12, 2018 which will be held at Holy Ghost. Preparation has started for each. Ms. Synan from the 5 day school is assisting with preparations.

New Business

Facility Security – Deacon Tim reported that there were some teenagers that came into the church and school. These were not people associated with St. Joan of Arc and were in unauthorized areas. Currently, approximately \$1,000 has been spent on new cameras and refurbishing a server. Facility lighting is also being evaluated.

Regular Committee Reports

Board of Education – Sara Ballard reported that the group is currently working on the fundraiser for the school. The annual goal is \$6,000 and the group is researching innovative ways to achieve this goal. Some ideas mentioned were a “Pass the Hat” at the Christmas concert or popcorn and water sales at the same event. If anyone has ideas, please forward them on to Sara.

Building & Grounds – John Ryan reported for the group. The kitchen plumbing has a broken part which sprays water all over the kitchen when it is used. We have the part on-hand and are in the process of replacing it. The Knox boxes are in place, and we are waiting for the fire department inspection.

Finance – Brian Keenan read Dennis Smid’s report and the financial statements were distributed. Year to date income is favorable compared to budget allowing for the fact that the first two months of the fiscal year usually see lower contributions. There was also \$25,000 endowment gift. Expenses are currently right at budget. He is currently preparing a one page insert for the bulletin and he is reviewing distribution on the monthly financial report via email instead of during the Parish Council meeting.

Pastoral Committee – Deacon Tim Leininger reported that the group met and discussed St. Joan of Arc’s goal of \$37,000. A gentleman from the Archdiocese gave a talk at last Sunday’s mass. This upcoming weekend, the deacons will be discussing the topic in their sermons and the weekend of Oct 7th and 8th, intention cards will be distributed. The group also discussed the procedures at masses and the 2017-2018 Liturgical calendar. A reminder was given that anytime a visiting priest is coming to St. Joan, Fr. Greg should be notified.

It was also mentioned that some parishes put a year-end insert in the bulletin highlighting the different parish organizations and their contributions to the parish community during the previous year. This was taken under advisement.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Father Greg.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Keenan