

Members Present:

Father Jared	X Mary Barszcz	X Jim Duff	
Father Joe U.	X Chris Moore	X M-J Kanaczet	X Paul Vigeant
X Jay Masse	X Eileen Sadasiv	X Sherry Lindeblad	X Pete Smith
X Lynda Tisdell	Bob Weygand	X Jen Marran	X Judy Munson

Call to order: Jay

Opening Prayer – Jay Masse

Minutes from the September Parish Council meeting were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Social Action (LT) Operation Chill Out distributed 3400 bottles of water. In addition, backpacks and school supplies were all donated and distributed. The committee is working on preparations for the giving tree which will go up in the church after Thanksgiving.

Peace and Justice (JDuff) This Wed 10/18 (see bulletin) the committee is sponsoring speaker on legislative priorities.

Stewardship (PS) New membership was discussed. The committee would like to explain to parishioners how to donate to the church from their IRAs, pre-tax. A general informational meeting about mission trips will be announced in the bulletin.

Liturgy (SL) Committee gained 2 members after stewardship weekend. Planning for all saints and all souls mass. EM training has been scheduled.

Finance (PS) FY2016 report was distributed. Financial health of parish is good. See report. Last major repair is window frames. Even though we are growing as a parish the weekly collections are down. Discussion ensued about giving. Pete said his recollection of prior finance committee meeting discussion is that the number of people donating is increasing but the average amount of donations is decreasing.

Religious Education (JMunson) This committee gained one new member for a total of 12 members. The committee continues to discuss RF book distribution. RF is going smoothly and all teachers and hall monitors are in place. There is one day available for open parish council meeting during the RF school year – January 21. There is a classroom on the third floor available as well as the auditorium. The “Generations Project” is moving to the parish hall this year (Dec 10). Reconciliation will no longer have a retreat due to low turnout in the past.

Parish Administration Report (Jen Marran): Parish council agreed on 1/21 for a date for open parish council meeting at Swan. Jen reported on a marketing focus group that was done after RF class with 11 families. The Parish Council would like to see the report.

Jen reported that Fr. Jared was not in favor of using OneNote for Parish Council business as it seems not all members have been able to access it. The majority of the council agreed. Parish council minutes should be copied to Beth.

Parish Council voting members, as described in the Parish Council bylaws, was discussed. Jay suggested amending the bylaws to eliminate the inactive committees (family life and parish activities). It was suggested that the PC read the bylaws and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. Jen will check with Beth to obtain an electronic copies of the bylaws.

Long-term planning committee is on hold until the diocese reveals intentions for its capital campaign. In the meantime, the long term planning process is ongoing through the finance, grounds, etc. committees.

A reminder for PC members to read bulletin, check calendar, etc.

Refuge committee has been active and assessing needs of the new families.

Catholic Center –

No report

Old Business –

Accommodations /Accessibility – Jen reported that Fr. Jared had a consultation about accessibility in and outside the church. Although some changes are feasible inside, the outdoor/parking renovation estimate was over \$100,000. There are no automatic open buttons at the doors. Hospitality can and do help with opening doors. Jay suggested ushers to help seat people, if needed. Jen suggested engagement, awareness, and education of parishioners. It was suggested again to put this issue in the bulletin. Paul V volunteered to speak to greeters.

New Business –

Mission Trip 2016 book will be left in office.

Appreciation dinner is at the Quidnessett Country Club at 2pm on November 12.

PC Meeting date for November is the 13th.

Adjournment –

Motion to adjourn, approved unanimously at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by MJ Kanaczet