

MINUTES
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
7:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE: Central Staff--Fr. Dexter Brewer, Kathy Skinner, Sherry Woodman; Executive Committee—Deacon Andy McKenzie, Jeanne Stejskal (Finance Board Chair), Nancy Rohling, Tom Shumate (School Board Chair), Brett Wesnofske (Campus Committee); Elected/Appointed Parishioners—Terry Casey, Thomas Meyer, Patrick Pruet; Parish Ministry Representatives—Jim Bryan (Peace through Justice), Steve Fennell (Knights of Columbus), Patty Farmer (Women’s Council), John Green (Room in the Inn).

ABSENT: Lucia Huskey, Mike Clepper, Joceline Lemaire, Deacon Dave Lybarger, Stewardship & Real Estate Representative, Cursillo Representative, Respect Life Representative.

The Parish Council met in the Celebration Room of the school. There was an opening reflection and prayer before addressing the agenda items: (1) Approval of minutes of the October 28, 2015 meeting (Fr. Dexter), (2) Grounds and Projects Update (Brett Wesnofske), (3) Discussion and approval of parish policy on the “Acceptable Use of Technology” (Sherry Woodman), (4) After-hours accessibility of the church via St. Joseph Chapel door (Fr. Dexter), (6) Other Business.

(1) Approval of the October 28, 2015, minutes was requested, Jim Bryan moved to approve, Brett Wesnofske seconded, and the minutes were duly accepted by the Council.

(2) Brett Wesnofske (Grounds and Projects) provided an update on projects going on around campus. The irrigation is almost complete, and LSI is prepared for snow. They have done a great job clearing the lots so far; we are on the pre-approved list which results in attention to our campus more promptly. There have been no water problems with the freeze and snow so far.

Landscaping is last on the list of items to address, including the courtyard; however that area should be planted sometime in February. Next would be some lighting and hardscape activity. The circular driveway will be repaved to address areas where water collects, then striping will take place.

(3) Sherry Woodman reported that the policy committee of the School Board looked at the “Acceptable Use Policy” to see if it still covers technology today. They recommended compiling everything into one document with an explanatory summary at the beginning of the document. This recommendation was approved by the School Board; now needs approval of the Parish Council.

Brett asked about the section on “Student Use of Texting.” Can students text parents after practice, for instance? Sherry said that the coach may give permission in cases like this, and teachers can allow cell phone use for educational purposes. Fr. Dexter read the Executive Summary and asked if we need to approve the document today. No one requested that the Council wait. Brett moved to approved the Policy; Deacon Andy McKenzie seconded; and the Policy was duly accepted by the Council.

(4) Fr. Dexter reported on after-hours accessibility of the St. Joseph Chapel, following up on Sam Francescon’s request in October. An electronic lock has been installed to allow access by parishioners via their cell phones. There are a limited number of codes that will be made available. Fr. Dexter explained how it will be used and that parishioners will be made aware gradually.

(5) Other Business: Parishioner Krysta Giacabone had approached the Council in October with an idea for a Christmas meal for parishioners who have no family in town. John Green had suggested inviting interested parishioners to bring a dish and join our Room in the Inn guests for their Christmas Eve Dinner. John reported that the meal was a big success, with a great turn-out of parishioners.

(6) Other Business: Fr. Dexter said the school is looking at the possibility of starting an endowment fund; they have money not currently earning interest, and they would like to direct it toward an endowment. The school is interested in laying a foundation to build upon for the future...in hopes that the school will be forever viable. The Diocese has a foundation for education where the corpus is not touched, however funds cannot be moved once in place. There are circumstances under which you can get the money back, but essentially you are "in and along for the ride." It was agreed to look at that fund's return – typically 5-7% earnings – controlled by the Diocese. It was suggested that a portion of parish bequests could be directed to such an endowment with advice of the Finance Board. There was no objection by Council members to pursuing an endowment fund.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2016 (moved to July 27, 2016)

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Submitted by Nancy E. Rohling
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