Parish Council 8/1/18

Attendance: Sam Ensley, Adam Freiburger, Carole Fuller, John Minick, Jay Nelson, Dave Pierre, Margaret Ryan, Dan Schneider, John Whitmore, Mark Wissel, Fr. Tom, Fr. Dennis

-**Prayer**

-**Parish Tithe**. St. Charles currently gives 3% of our offertory income to good causes. We would like to increase our parish tithe and we discussed many ideas for increased gifts. Since all of our tithe is now used locally, there was some enthusiasm establishing a long-term relationship with a parish or orphanage in a third-world country. Our current annual tithe:

$20,000-- diocesan fund for seminarian tuition

$16,800—St. Charles’ St. Vincent de Paul Society

$6,000—St. Henry Parish

$6,000—St. Patrick Parish

$6,000—Queen of Angels Parish

$500—Matthew 25 Clinic

$400—Women’s Care Center

**-Faith in Indiana**. This ecumenical group is working to organize and speak out on matters of social justice and compassion. Audrey Davis, our local organizer, will likely be contacting council members.

-**Alpha.** This faith-sharing effort will begin on September 5. We discussed strategies for advertising and personally inviting participants.

**-Information**.

1. A contract is nearly ready for the construction company to begin our new **church roof**. They tell us that they can complete the job in 180 days. Once it is done, we will need to replaster and paint the ceiling and then address the upholstery problems.

2. Our **electronic signs** are now up and running. We hope they will help to reach unchurched neighbors.

3. Our new **website** is also up and running. We have had one family so far use the funeral planning page.

4. The new **chapel pews** are installed. We are building two short railings for kneelers and we are having the pews cushioned.

5. No progress on our exchanges with **St. Patrick’s** parish.

6. **Pueri Cantores** is a program for school children to take part in classical liturgical music. The event will be held at St. Charles this year.

7. A **women’s prayer group** is scheduled to begin on Saturday mornings. We are also considering a Bible study on Sunday afternoons.

Next meeting: Sept. 5