Parish Council Minutes 8/7/2019

Present: Fr. Tom, Bob Current, Sam Ensley, Adam Freiburger, Carole Fuller, John Minick, Jay Nelson, Dan Schneider, Mary Ann Slater, Mark Wissel

1. **Prayer.**
2. **Lenten series**. We discussed possibilities: bringing in a speaker for a 3-day mission, having local speakers for a series of events, having a mission outside of Lent. Fr. Tom will check with mission societies and ask about costs and availability. Dr. Ray Guarendi is coming in October; we will see what attendance is for a known speaker. We have *Alpha*, Kingdom Builders, men’s and women’s mornings of reflection Friday Stations, and a planned new Bible study also taking place during Lent.
3. **St. Francis Blessing of Animals**. The feast day of St. Francis is October 4, a Friday. We will offer an animal blessing on Saturday the fifth. With a 1:00 wedding that day, we will offer the blessing at 10 a.m. Fr. Tom will talk to the school administration and see if they think that an animal blessing at the end of a school day would be wise.
4. **Book Giveaway**. Both Carole and MaryAnn had good reviews of Bishop Barron’s book “Letter to a Suffering Church.” We will buy copies and give them away—not at Christmastime, but whenever the next scandal may hit.
5. **St. Patrick**. We have contacted St. Patrick, asking about an invitation for the Vietnamese Tet celebration and asking if they would be willing to repeat their Passion performance. We will follow up.
6. **Bulletin inserts**. A parishioner encountered a publisher who puts together an interesting monthly bulletin insert. For roughly $150/year, a parish can make copies and stuff them in bulletins. The council liked the inserts and suggested that we copy some and put them out on the Gathering Space table or the inside church table rather than stuffing them in bulletins.
7. **New Parishioner Welcome**. Mark and Christina Wissel have volunteered to help with new parishioner welcoming. Monna Lee Hill and her son Brian have been involved in this for many years and are happy to have the help. The Wissels have left messages with 8 new families and heard back from four, inviting them to drop off a welcome packet. We will want to update our welcome packet.
8. **Information**
9. The church roof should be done in the next couple of weeks. It is time to contact the patching and painting of the ceiling.
10. Young adult ministry has been up and running with good numbers of positive feedback.
11. Volunteer gardeners are doing a lot of work around our campus. Hats off to the Knights of Columbus for their heavy work in removing tree stumps.
12. The Kingdom Builders have been very well received and are drawing 150 women to monthly gatherings.
13. Dr. Ray Guarendi is giving a talk on Thursday evening, October 10.
14. **Next meeting**: Sept. 4