Parish Council minutes 11/7/18

Present: Fr. Tom, Carole Fuller, John Minick, Jay Nelson, Margaret Ryan, Andy Schneider, Dan Schneider, Mary Ann Slater, Dave Stevens, John Whitmore, Mark Wissel

1. We discussed sending a **postcard** to remind people of our upcoming Advent Penance Service. It might include information also on Christmas Mass schedule. We will see how effective it seems.
2. We discussed our **parish tithe.** We are increasing the tithe this year, as shown at the bottom of the page. We will make contact with the seminary in Uganda and try to develop and maintain contact with seminarians there.
3. We discussed our new **school subsidy policy**. We are taking attendance for school families coming to Sunday Mass. We hope to encourage all of our school families to come to Mass in order to be eligible for school subsidy. \
4. We looked at the new **Stations of the Cross booklets** we have developed for our parish.
5. We scheduled a **Christmas party** for our next meeting.
6. We encouraged everyone to attend St. Patrick’s **Our Lady of Guadalupe** celebration. We have asked St. Patrick’s Latino community if they would be willing to present their Passion drama at St. Charles on Good Friday in the evening.
7. We discussed manners of celebrating the final vows of **Sr. Rose Caritas** with the Poor Clairs.
8. Information
9. The new church roof will soon be under construction.
10. The Knights of Columbus have painted our parking blocks yellow and are installing hand rails on an outdoor sidewalk with steps but no rails.
11. We discussed **school safety** measures.
12. Our new Sunday afternoon **Bible study** has been well received.
13. ***Alpha*** concludes next week. It has been well received by 80 participants. We will begin a new session on Jan. 16, including childcare and supper for the children.
14. We are organizing **small Catholic home study groups**. We hope to encourage Alpha graduates to take part and to bring others also.
15. Our St. Francis **Animal blessing** was well received and attended.
16. The movie***Screenagers***and presentations by *Remedy Live* were very well attended and have been well received. We need to do what we can to encourage and help those in the vocation of parenting.
17. The **Senior bus trip** to Maria Stein was attended by 40 people with good reviews.

Next meeting: Jan. 2

Fiscal year 2018/19 Parish tithe

$25,000 diocese—seminarian tuition (up 5,000)

$24,000 parish St. V de Paul Society (up 7,200)

$6,000 St. Henry

$7,800 Queen of Angels (up 1,800)

$7,800 St. Patrick (up 1,800)

$500 Matthew 25

$400 Women’s Care Center

$1,000 Faith in Indiana (new)

$7,800 Seminary in Fort Portal, Uganda (new)

Total: $80,300 4.2% of annual offertory (increase from 2.9%)