Parish Council minutes 2/6/19

 Present: Fr. Tom, Sam Ensley, Carole Fuller, John Minick, Dave Pierre, Margaret Ryan, Dan Schneider, John Whitmore

1. **Prayer**
2. **Postcard**. The postcard which invited parishioners to our Advent penance service seemed effective. Attendance improved and positive comments were heard. We will continue sending postcards during Advent and Lent.
3. **Parish tithe**. We read a letter of thanks from the rector of the seminary in Uganda and looked at pictures of the seminary. This is money going for a very good cause. We will post the pictures in the Gathering Space and maybe also in the bulletin.
4. **School subsidy policy**. We have seen an increase in Mass attendance as we have encouraged school families to turn in envelopes for attendance records at weekend Mass.
5. **Stations of the Cross**. We are ready to print our new parish Stations booklets. Like last year, we will offer Stations and Benediction on Friday nights instead of the Friday holy hour.
6. Information
7. **Small faith-sharing study groups**. We have formed 6 new groups with 50 people.
8. ***Alpha***—We are in round 6, with 30 people participating.
9. **Young adult ministry**. Sam Martinez and Sam Sliger recently attended a young adult convention and are anxious to begin a young adult Bible study/faith sharing/social group for those aged 21-35. They hope to begin in Lent.
10. **Kingdom Builders**. Mary Jo Parrish has offered to lead a monthly evening women’s prayer and reflection group. We don’t want to compete with Alpha, the small faith groups or the Saturday morning women’s prayer group, but we think this would appeal to a different group and think it is worth launching.
11. **Roof**. No progress on the new church roof. The roofers will begin in the spring.
12. ***Pueres Cantores****. On* March 25, a diocesan event will take place in our church. After a day of rehearsal, Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 with an enormous choir of children singing classical sacred music. Attendance will be limited to those with tickets.
13. **St. Patrick Vietnamese event**. Unfortunately, we missed the event this year. We haven’t heard yet about the Good Friday proposal.
14. **Catholic Charities parenting event**. Catholic Charities is offering a seminar on parenting teens. We are looking at dates.
15. **Lenten opportunities**. The K of C is hosting a men’s morning of reflection on March 16. Our parish penance service is April 8. We will offer Friday Stations and an evening series, TBA.
16. **Seniors event**. We need to begin planning another outing for senior citizens. Several ideas were proposed.
17. **Community outreach**. We discussed ways to give a friendly face to the neighborhood: possibly an ice cream social, spaghetti dinner, or an event on our athletic fields.

Next meeting: March 6, 7:30 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)