Parish Council minutes 6/12/19

1. **Introductions.** We welcomed new members Bob Current and Susie Hague (Steve Lutz was unable to attend tonight) and thanked outgoing members, Andy Schneider, John Whitmore and Dave Pierre.
2. **Parish Planning**. Our Sunday Visitor offers a program to develop a 3-year parish pastoral plan. We discussed the pros and cons and concurred that we might want to pursue this in a few years, but at this time we have so many initiatives in the parish that this probably isn’t the right time for us.
3. **Parish directory**. A sales person contacted Fr. Tom and suggested that we are due for a new parish directory. We agreed that we don’t need one for several more years.
4. **St**. **Patrick’s Passion**. We will invite the Passion presenters from St. Patrick to return next year.
5. **Book giveaway**. Bishop Robert Barron has a book about the suffering of a Church with scandals. The book is available for $1 per copy. We might want to order some to give away. Mary Ann and Susie are going to read it and give recommendations. This would not be a Christmas gift, but may be valuable if and when the next scandal hits the news.
6. **New parishioner welcome**. A parishioner suggested having quarterly dinners to welcome new parishioners. Two at the table had experience trying this in other parishes, but both saw very poor attendance. Maybe we could do a monthly Coffee and Donuts and find a way to bring new parishioners in and be sure that they are introduced and highlighted. We will check on our new parishioner visitation team; I’m not sure if that is still active.
7. **Gardening**. We are advertising in the bulletin for volunteers who would like to help with our parish gardening.
8. **Information**
9. Young adult ministry for ages 21-35 is up and running. Bible studies are underway, a Trivia night last month was very well attended, and a Bonfire is upcoming.
10. Kingdom Builders. Good numbers of women have taken part in this monthly event and the reports have been very positive.
11. Ray Guarendi. A nationally-known speaker will be here on Thurs., October 10. We would expect a good crowd.

Next meeting: August 7, 7:00 p.m.