

**Parish Council Agenda
August 8, 2019**

Opening Prayer by Fr. Pat

Approval of agenda

Welcome new members, Anne Hemenway and Steve Kuester, and a big thanks to Nick Strom and Daryl Booth for their service on the council.

Election of new officers:

President - Dale Kallhoff nominated Del Ames. Steve Kuester seconded. All voted in favor. Congratulations Del, you are the President.

Vice-President – Dale Kallhoff nominated Rosemary Legate. Del Ames seconded. Congratulations Rosemary, you are the Vice President.

Secretary – Del Ames nominated Julie Harrison. Julie asked to be removed from consideration. Dale Kallhoff seconded Del's nomination. All except Julie voted in favor. Julie has been the current secretary and has done an excellent job! Thank you Julie!

Reports:

1. Rosary Sodality – No Meeting for July. Rosary Sodality served funeral with an Honor Guard.
2. Liturgy – Roxanne McNally texted in report. The Liturgy Committee held a pool party for the altar servers on August 7th from 5-7. Pizza, cookies and bars were then served. A big thank you to all our servers!!
3. Knights of Columbus – Dale Kallhoff reported that K of C donated \$100.00 to the Neligh Young Men's Club for the fireworks. They donated \$250.00 to the Newman Center. They had a float in Neligh's 4th of July parade. They approved the purchase of a 5' ladder for the church. Ron Gilg is going to build a trophy display for the Knights. Gary Hoefler, Elgin, is the new district deputy.
4. CCD – Amy Baker still needs an 8th grade teacher and 3 aides. Please prayerfully consider helping. August 21 is the teacher's meeting. August 28th is a parent meeting. Start date for CCD is September 4th.
5. Maintenance – Del Ames reported there was a problem with 2 of the 6 stations of the sprinkler system. Dave Schrage found & replaced broken and/or pinched hoses. Also, the air conditioner compressor is bad, and the evaporator coil needs to be replaced. Alan Reicks will fix in conjunction with the furnace repairs we have already requested at a total cost of approximately \$6,400.00. We will also consider possible maintenance agreement with Alan for routine maintenance, inspections, etc.
6. Pastor's Report –
 - a. Father Pat provided the council with Profit & Loss and Balance Sheets for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.
 - b. ParishSoft is a software database for parishioner registrations and offerings. Our current system was designed by Dewey Teel, and he believes it is best to purchase a new system. ParishSoft is used/will be used by the churches in our parish grouping. The Council was in

- favor to obtain ParishSoft. The anticipated cost: set-up fee of \$250, and the annual subscription is a little over \$200/year.
- c. Consideration to join with parish grouping and Pope John to hire a Safe Environment Coordinator to help ensure that parish volunteers, religious education teachers that work with youth are safe environment certified, approximate cost to St. Francis of \$70/month. The Council was in favor to do so.
 - d. Ron Beacom has withdrawn/resigned as PJ Board Member given his new employment position. Father is looking for a replacement, those that have interest or recommendation(s) can contact Fr. Pat.
 - e. Father gifted the Council members with a book – “Letter to a Suffering Church” by Bishop Barron regarding the abuse issue.
 - f. Confirmation is October 14th. A list of confirmation candidates is being published in the bulletin. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

Old Business:

1. Church Involvement - Doug Haselhorst is going to print out a sheet of ways to participate in church, focused on help at mass. Those sheets will be placed in the pews at some point. We would like all parishioners to take a look. If you are interested in participating in more ways, sign up and place in the collection plate.
2. Nursing Home and Willows EHMC volunteers – Milly sent out 21 letters requesting volunteers to be her and Doris Ternus’ back up, and only received back one. Del & Susie Ames already do this. Anne Hemenway has volunteered to help out as soon as she is mandated as a Eucharistic Minister. Thank You, Anne!
3. We could use some financial help with our two major projects, remodeling of bathrooms = \$9,000, and fixing of the heating and air conditioning system = \$6,400. Have raised approx. \$2,500 to date toward bathroom remodel. Building Fund will be used to support these items.
4. 10 Commandments – As we know the 10 Commandments broke, and were not repairable. The Beatitudes were saved and framed, anticipate putting on display in front flower bed of Church.

New Business:

1. Possible usher meeting with Brad Higgins on Security training – Del will follow up with Brad Higgins.
2. A combined bulletin is now currently used at six parishes in our 8 parish grouping – plan to have this bulletin available at St. Francis. We will continue to have our own bulletin. Del will look into a way to do this.

Closing Prayer Del Ames

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: September 19th 6:00 pm