

St. Thomas a'Becket
Parish Council
January, 17th, 2019 AGENDA
7:00 Parish Council Meeting
Meetings will be held in the Conference Room

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We WELCOME all, WORSHIP together at the Eucharistic table, and give WITNESS to Jesus Christ.

Attendees: Father Chris, Angie Mazurek, Joseph Hader, Glen Rossow, William Annin, Rick Berryman, Dan Garant, Daniele Pusilo, Tim Kiernan

Fred is excused absence

Tim Magers is excused absence

Mike Morency is unexcused absence

1. Opening Prayer
Read by Angie
Fred Diorio
2. Parish Mission Statement
Members of Council
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Corrections made to last month's meeting made and approved
Rick will send Pam the corrected November minutes
Angie Mazurek
4. **Old Business**
 - Publication of council minutes
Angie Mazurek
 - a. Rick will ask Pam to add a header on the Parish Council Minutes web page that says they are unapproved. Rick will send the minutes to Pam via email
 - b. Rick will talk to Pam about putting an announcement on the home site that says minutes are available and where to find them. This announcement will be temporary.
 - Small business fair expo (update)
Dan, Joe, Anu
 - a. No Updates
 - Young Adults group updates
Fr. Chris
 - a. The groups were hoping to get young adults into their groups, (men and women), but is having trouble attracting them. The women's group has no women in their 20's, and the men's group has a few in their 20's
 - 4:30 Mass Hospitality update
Glenn
 - a. We will try the Hospitality weekend in February and March and see what kind of response we get.
 - b. Feb 2/3 is next hospitality date. Menu is not finalized. Pizza or coffee cake is on the table – but discussions still in progress.
 - It was discussed that Pizza tends to get cold, so maybe sandwiches would be better. Still in discussion.
 - Book Read – first 2 chapters of "Broken & Blessed"
Angie Mazurek
 - a. Lot of good exchanges about the book. Well received.
 - b. Rick moved that we talk about chapters 3 and 4 for next meeting. Seconded by Father.
5. **New Business**
 - A. Upcoming Activities at Church?
Fr. Chris

- a. The weekend of 1-26/27 is the last coat drive weekend. If people don't have a coat to donate and want to participate, money is accepted and is used to purchase coats, gloves, and scarves.
- b. The ministry fair will be conducted in February. Watch the bulletin.
- c. Youth group is doing a sub-sandwich for raising money for Super Bowl weekend.
- d. On The Rise Bakery will be 1/19. They want people to know that this business employs people that have been incarcerated and helps them adjust to life outside.
- e. The Knights will be hosting a free throw contest this on 1/19, and 2/17. This is the regional contest.
- f. Women's fellowship has about 50 members. The Men's fellowship is not as successful (no number available)
- g. Participation in the Youth Group is not as good as was expected.
 - The Youth Group is trying to organize missions with chaperones to help people that are less fortunate (ie painting houses, cleaning yards)
- h. 2/19 – Choir is going on a tour to Ireland with Father Chris and is coming back on the 2/26. Due to this event, we will have February's Council meeting on 2/28th. Glenn will have an excused absence that day (birthday)

6. Reports

A. Pastor's Report

Father Chris

- Regarding the property south of the church: we need to design a site plan and determine length of project sometime before spring.
- Still need to sell the Cherry Hill property. It's been on the market since 3/2018. Asking price is 570K. Getting a little interest but not much. Will keep the prices as is for now.
- We are having insurance issues for the thefts we had last year. The insurance company is fighting us for repayment of 100K. Father Chris is fighting back. To be continued....
- Vicariate meeting – all priests meeting on 1/23 to discuss a plan on how to approach the Unleash the Gospel program.
- The dioceses wants to do a fund raiser for the Unleash the Gospel program. This program is still under discussion.
- The dioceses is talking about closing the Maintenance parishes and keeping the Mission parishes open. These plans are still under discussion and we hope to get specifics soon.

B. Finance Council

Tim Kiernan

- Collections are up 35K over budget. We are about 75K above this time last year.
- Christmas collections amounted 171K. This figure does not include the weekend of 1/13
- CSA – 37K over target – but still need another 8K to fully pay for the new partitions, which have already been installed.
- Property Discussion – see section A above

C. Christian Outreach

Father Chris

- Meeting scheduled for Jan 31. Meet to talk about the Vicariate meeting and how we will use it in this church.

D. Youth/M.S./H.S.

Angie Mazurek

- Still need to get a representative on the Parish Council. Angie will contact Stephanie to discuss this.

E. Hospitality/Stewardship

Father Chris

- Haven't had a meeting since November 2018. There is talk of having another talent show since the last one was very successful. No next meeting scheduled

F. Vicariate

Father Chris

- See section A

G. Other

- Glen mention that when you walk into the gathering area, the immediate entry (right after you walk through the doors) is not very well lit, and the whole gathering area is somewhat "neutral". We need to have something in the gathering area that says "Welcome to the Church". Right now when you walk in, it's like walking into a library, or a business lobby, or city hall.
- First weekend of February the Knights of Columbus will be disturbing prayer card to families.

7. Closing Prayer
- Angie did the Closing Prayer.

Angie Mazurek

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Permanent Member

Father Chris Maus

At Large Members – Terms Ending June, 2019

Dan Garant

Joseph Nader

Daniele Pusillo

Rick Berryman, Secretary

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Anu George

Tim Magers

Angie Mazurek, Chairman

Mike Stover, Vice Chairman

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Fred Diorio

William Annin

Glenn Rossow

Michael Morency

Finance Council Representative

Tim Kiernan

Teen Member