

St. Colman Catholic Church  
Parish Council Minutes  
October 18, 2016  
Rectory

Present: Fr. Hahn, Fr. Hartge, Greg Flerchinger, Tina Garland, Helen Grim, Steve Janasov, Dan Stahl.

Absent: Mike Hall, Kathy Henry

Father Hahn opened the meeting with prayer.

- I. Old Business
  - a. Oktoberfest Update
    - i. Plans are underway for event. Alcohol permit has been obtained, Garland's bringing a trailer in for the musicians, PA system obtained, screens and projector for the OSU game, PR Marshall will be grilling, Helen is doing the sides and desserts, Shirley Pettit helped with the beer. All will be in the parking lot with tents.
    - ii. Helen will use the conference room to prep desserts unless we move inside (due to rain) then use the library since conference room would be used to serve food.
    - iii. Musician from Columbus playing from 6-8.
    - iv. OSU game shown on big screens outside.
    - v. Have other ideas moving forward in the future to make it a bigger event/all-day event.
    - vi. Council can come Saturday at 10am to help set up. Event scheduled to last until after the first quarter of the OSU game which would be about 10pm.
  - b. Next quarter parish event will be the Valentine's Dance sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Dave and Mandy Findley spearhead this event.
  - c. Parish Picnic will be the summer event. We will begin work on that at the next meeting possibly. Discussion followed regarding about the parish supplying the meet and asking people to carry in side dishes.
  - d. Stewardship/Ministry Fair review
    - i. Tina reported maybe 25 brochures were completed. Discussion followed on how we may encourage more people to get involved and/or complete the brochures.
      1. There was confusion as to whether people needed to complete them again if they filled one out last year.
      2. Comment was made that maybe it is not clear that there is a need for some of these areas since we have people are already doing them. i.e. there is not a need for lectors because we always have people assigned to read at each Mass.
      3. Fr. Hahn suggested that maybe we spend more prep time in advance for a longer period before the Stewardship Weekend.

Possibly using posters each month to promote various areas in the parish. Along that thought process, Tina suggested maybe asking leaders of the various ministries to speak at Mass and explain about their ministry.

4. Steve mentioned that for the community outreach areas (during the stewardship fair) people were reluctant because they would be making a commitment instead of only having their name on the list in case they were needed. We need to overcome this anxiety.
  5. We need more lead time for events
  6. Steve said that Kathy talked with him about putting together a plan for social justice to share with the priests regarding what we've been doing and how we can do it better.
- e. *The Lantern* – The newsletter will begin again this quarter. Tina was asked to have it finished by Christmas. Discussion followed on what elements should be in the newsletter.
- i. Fr. Hahn wants a lot of pictures
  - ii. History corner (ask Don Moore)
  - iii. Calendar of upcoming events and Mass times of the Holy Day seasons
  - iv. Stewardship column – spotlight a parishioner, their story and their stewardship. Greg Flerchinger volunteered to submit for this first newsletter.
  - v. Music section for Craig to highlight the concert series and other music information
  - vi. Religious Education for Stephanie to submit
  - vii. St. Vincent de Paul Story
  - viii. Knights of Columbus
  - ix. LIFE Pregnancy report – especially on their building campaign
  - x. Relay for Life Promo in this first one to get the team established – Dan Stahl will submit copy for this.
  - xi. Tina suggested we include wedding anniversaries given how much people wanted the birthdays back in the bulletin. Others disagreed that people care about them. Maybe limit them to the 5-year anniversaries.
  - xii. Since it was discussed at the last meeting of changing the name, the suggestion was made to put a request in this newsletter for name ideas.
  - xiii. It was also suggested to send it to the students who are away at college and those who used to attend St. Colman but have not been here in a while.
  - xiv. The idea is to ask several people to submit articles for the publication. Tina will design, print and mail.

II. New Business – No new business to discuss.

### III. Committee Reports

#### a. Relay for Life - Dan reported:

- i. Relay for Life is set for June 9, 2017. He established a team for St. Colman named the "St. Colman Striders". This can be changed later. He had to come up with something in order to submit the entry.
- ii. \$1000 will be our target goal for this first year.
- iii. Greg suggested that we get our youth involved.
- iv. Tina suggested that we should start promoting now to get people signed up on the team before they commit to being on another team.
- v. Dan wants to create a "party type" setting at the rest area to make it fun

#### b. LIFE Pregnancy Center – Steve reported:

- i. The annual Life Banquet was enjoyed by over 250 guests on September 22, with a national speaker and catering from Streetside 62. The event netted over \$87,000 for the building project with additional monthly pledge donations going for operations.
- ii. Grace Community is scheduled to conduct their third vote on the appropriation of a \$30,000 Life gift.
- iii. The Light up the Night for Life event was sponsored by Heritage Church resulting in an \$1800 donation while providing T-shirts and an outdoor event that will continue to provide great community awareness for the Life project. Fr. Hartge ran in it.
- iv. Saint Colman will be holding a parish Oktoberfest that will provide food, drink and fellowship on October 22. Donations from some parishioners and the K of C will purchase the food and Helen will be preparing drinks and sides. A 50-50 raffle has been established with the Life center as the beneficiary of the 50% charity from Saint Colman's. To date, \$5,000 in raffle tickets has been sold.
- v. The Life Board has approved groundbreaking on the new Life Center. Mark Heiny is gathering the permits needed for construction and Jim Garland has the go-ahead from the city to remove the existing concrete as his schedule permits.

#### c. Women of St. Colman – Helen reported:

- i. The first meeting of the new year was held on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Secretary and Treasurer positions were up for election. No one was interested in having them so Helen Grim and Diane Evans agreed to serve another two years in their respectful positions.
- ii. It was agreed to donate \$500 to the new hymnal purchase. Should more money be needed, they are willing to discuss additional funds at a later time.
- iii. The Christmas Giving Tree will be held November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Since there are only four nursing homes in the area now participating, it was decided to increase the number of gifts to 15 for each home. Gifts are to be returned by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

- iv. The Rummage Sale is schedule for June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- v. Discussion followed regarding the religious articles sale. No plans at this time to have it this fall. If they have a spring sale, Fr. Hartge suggested they advertise it in surrounding parishes since the closest retail store to buy gifts for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation, etc. is an hour away in Columbus and/or Dayton.
- d. The Knights of Columbus – Greg reported:
  - i. They are working on the plans to build a new refrigeration unit to thaw the fish for the fish frys.
  - ii. They are painting the fence at the cemetery. If anyone can donate some time, please do.
- IV. Next Meeting for the Council will be held January 24, 2017 at 6:15pm in the Rectory.
  - a. We will begin with the book discussion on chapters 3-5 in the *Forming Intentional Disciples* book since we did not have time to discuss it at this meeting.
- V. The meeting closed with the Glory Be...

*Respectfully submitted: TMG*