

St. Colman's Parish Council Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2017
6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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

- I. Opening Prayer: Fr. Hahn offered the opening prayer including the Hail Mary.

- II. Old Business
 - a. *Forming Intentional Disciples* Discussion, Chapters 3-5
 - i. Chapter 3: Fruit of Discipleship
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 - b. Have you been guided on a path of discernment?
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 - d. Use them to help our community grow. Where do we need certain gifts? Who has them? Can we help people identify their gifts? How do we develop the “next generation” who will take over when needed?
 - ii. Chapter 4: Grace and the Great Quest
 1. How to prepare fruitfully to receive the sacraments?
 2. How are we approaching the sacraments?
 3. Do they become routine? How do we keep them from becoming routine?
 - iii. Chapter 5: The Five Thresholds of Conversion (the heart of the book): Trust, Curiosity, Openness, Seeking, Discipleship
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 - b. Lantern
 - i. Tina passed out the first new edition of the Lantern newsletter. Positive comments from the Council. Likes the new layout and design. Next issue will come out in April and continue quarterly.
 1. Article on the 150th anniversary of St. Colman poses questions as to whether we are going to celebrate it. Traditionally we celebrate the anniversary of when we began as a church in our current building. This article begins when Mass was first celebrated in WCH.
 2. Next issue articles

- a. Relay for Life
 - b. Oktoberfest date for 2017
 - c. Greg's stewardship article
 - d. Corpus Christi article
 - e. Rummage Sale
 - f. Graduating seniors
 - g. Fair booth dates
 - i. We still need a chair for the fair booth. That contract will need to be signed in about a month.
 - h. Music article from Craig
3. Liked the font type
 4. **Action Item: Please let your committees know that we need submissions for the next Lantern. Tina will email you the deadline date**
 5. Place Lantern on the web site in a pdf.
 6. Discussion on distribution: should be sent to the homes or put in the back of church for people to pick up first to save postage? Decision made to mail all of them to the homes. Rationale that they will more likely to read it if it comes in the mail. When picked up at church, may get lost from church to home or put in the car and forgotten about.
 7. Action Item: If you know of people who used to attend St. Colman or anyone you would like to attend St. Colman who would benefit from receiving the Lantern, give Tina their addresses by Friday.
 8. Suggestion to send Lanterns to other churches in town and The Well. Also send to the college kids to keep them connect to the church.
- c. Community Building
- i. Oktoberfest recap
 1. Made a little bit of profit.
 2. Musician wants to come back again
 3. Greg has a patient from Germany who volunteered to make the German potato salad next time. Will probably add other things as well.
 4. If we continue to have space in the parish hall for people to eat out of the weather, we need to have a donation basket in there, too, since people had their food brought into them.
 - ii. Valentine's Dance for winter
 - iii. Parish Picnic for summer
 1. Father Hahn gave the date as July 30 for the parish picnic. All other weekends in the summer have conflicts except for July 9.
 2. Parish will provide the meat. Parishioners will bring side dishes. Discussion on whether to have the event outside or in the parish hall where it is air conditioned. Question came up about setting up tents.

3. Maybe coordinate this with the Community Band Concert and Ice Cream Social? **Action Item: Dan will contact Terry DeLuciano to see if it is a possibility.**
4. Dan Stahl will chair the event. **Action Item: Tina will email those who marked “parish events” on their stewardship form to help form the committee to put this event together.**
5. Tina suggested we put something in the bulletin asking for committee members.
6. Comment was made, as we move forward, to try and get different groups of people working on each of the parish events to diversify the planning and events – allowing us to develop our stewardship within the parish.
7. We need to identify the resources and things we have here at the parish for events.

III. Committee Reports

a. Dan Stahl

i. Relay for Life

1. Web site set up for it. Now need to focus on outreach.
2. June 9th is the date of the Relay
3. Main theme of the Relay organization: “Celebrate all that we’ve accomplished together and honor those that we have lost.” All of their focus is on the survivors and non-survivors.
4. Do we know of someone in the parish who is a cancer survivor who would like to work with us on this?
5. Goal for the St. Colman team is \$1000

ii. Oktoberfest – update and recap given earlier.

1. Maybe ask Poor Boys to make us a specialty beer for our Oktoberfest??? Dan will look into it.
2. Discussion again on dates. **Action Item: After the meeting, the 2017 date was set for October 14. Tina needs to block the parish hall from being rented the Friday and Sunday before and after the event to make set up and clean up easier.**
3. Possibly start earlier?
4. Should we work to make a profit?
5. Dan’s committee can work on these details.

b. Kathy Henry – no reports

c. Helen Grim

i. Women of St. Colman

1. Rummage Sale is June 9 from 8:30-3 and June 10 from 9-noon. Last year they made about \$2000. They need help sorting donations the week of the sale if anyone is interested. Also need people to be “in charge” of sections such as “shoes” or “jeans” of the prep work. Or people to put out signs promoting the sale. People can contact Helen Grim if interested. Suggestion to maybe ask the youth to

work. The parish hall is blocked for this week of preparation.

ii. Senior Group

1. Helen reported there will be no Senior Luncheon during Lent.

d. Greg

1. Knights of Columbus: Mike reported that the next two events are the Valentine's Dance and the fish fries.

e. Steve

i. LIFE Pregnancy Update

1. The Building Floor is to be poured Tuesday, weather permitting, by Tim Walters. The lumber package and trusses have been ordered and the framing to begin in next three weeks, again weather dependent. Kenny Kelly is acting as our General Contractor at no charge and subcontractors have been identified and contracted.
2. Life Committee is working to raise balance of funds mainly through local churches. Columbus Foundation scheduled to do site visit as third and final phase of our \$45,000 grant application towards framing package. If those funds are received, we the project will only need to raise about \$30,000 more. A bridge loan from Wells Foundation to cover pledges due-in over next 3 years has been approved. Life is also negotiating this at Merchants Bank and will choose best rate.
3. 2016 Statistic and plans:
 - a. Provided parenting classes to 238 parents
 - b. Ultrasounds given to 28 women that all chose life for their baby
 - c. Abstinence education to 1011 kids in both county school districts
 - d. Abortion Recovery Group scheduled to begin on February 2.

f. Mike – No Report

IV. New Business: No new business to discuss

V. Priests' Reports

- a. Father Hahn announced the Consortium will be hosting the St. Paul Street Evangelization Team on March 4 from 9am-3pm. The event will be held at St. Peter Parish Hall. All of the Council is strongly encouraged to attend. More details to come.
- b. Someone posed the question of having a Spiritual Gifts Workshop here at St. Colman like the one they had at St. Peter's in the fall of 2015. It's \$1500 for the group that did the workshop in 2015. Possibility of a doing a similar program here. We can think about that for the future.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 18, 6:30pm in the Rectory.

Father Hahn closed the meeting with The Glory Be.