

St. Colman's Parish Council Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2018
6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Present: Fr. Hahn, Fr. Thomas, Marsha Arnold, Patricia Berryhill, Melissa Garland, Nick Garland, Tina Garland, Kathy Henry

I. Opening prayer

II. New Business

I. Welcome New Members: Fr. Thomas Herge, Pat Berryhill, Nick Garland.

II. Review Parish Council Description

i. Fr. Hahn has established a "Visionary Council" here at St. Colman to focus on two elements:

1. Assist the pastor and priests of the parish in leading the parish through praying for and discerning a vision of how the Holy Spirit is leading the parish.
2. Help communicate the vision and direction to the various organizations and parishioners. Members will also be liaisons between parish committees and the Council. The liaison part is the most important piece of this.

ii. Council will address policies of the parish, not personnel issues.

III. Parish Council Officer Nominations/Elections

- i. President – Dan Stahl
- ii. Vice President – Marsha Arnold
- iii. Secretary – Tina Garland (permanent position)

IV. Division of Liaison Duties

- i. Kathy Henry is the liaison for the following areas: Christian Formation, St. Vincent de Paul, The Well at Sunnyside, The Food Pantry and any other discipleship ministries.
- ii. Marsha Arnold will contact the food pantry at Rose Avenue to see if we should be more involved with them
- iii. Nick Garland is the liaison to the 50+ group.
- iv. Missy Garland will continue to be the liaison to the LIFE Pregnancy Center
- v. Pat Berryhill is the liaison to the Women of St. Colman
- vi. Dan Stahl is the liaison to the Knights of Columbus and the music program.
- vii. Tina Garland is the liaison for Adoration and coffee & donuts.

V. Focus of Coming Year

- i. Father Hahn began the discussion on what elements should be include in our mission statement.
 1. What are the positive elements of our church/faith from those of us on the inside practicing our faith? What do we appreciate? Council members listed the following attributes: tight-knit community, relationship-focus, relationships are important, very prayerful, open and welcoming, social opportunities, motive of love... it's that light of Christ that shines to us and from us.

2. What do those outside of our church/faith see? Members listed the following attributes: beauty in the church and the grounds, beauty in our music, positive experiences in the Knights' fish fries, number of parishioners involved in community service.
 - a. Discussion on how we are perceived in the community.
3. We will come back to "what is our gifts in our Catholic church" and who is most likely to be attracted to our gifts and how do we communicate to them in their language.
 - a. The Mass is not to be the tool for Evangelization. For the last 40-50 years, we have put the focus on the Mass to do this. The Mass is meant for worship of God alone. We need to reach people outside of the Mass.
 - b. Once we do this, the goal is to capsule this into a one-line mission statement that sums up who we are as a parish and something that every parishioner will know easily and we can naturally tie everything into it.
 - i. Tina suggested that possibly once we have our mission statement established, we could pull a "tag line" from it to use on t-shirts, posters, etc. at our outreach events such as food booths, Oktoberfest, etc. and it says something really significant about who we really are.

III. Old or Other Business

- I. Oktoberfest, October 20th: Dan reported that similar planning as last year. Plan to start the event around 4pm so that everything is in place when Mass is over. Musicians are secured. New t-shirt design this year and will plan to sell them. He's in the process of getting sponsors for the entertainment and t-shirts. Soon we will have a planning meeting to get interested folks together in the planning.
- II. Picnic Review: Good turn out! A lot of fun! Over 100 people attended the event which was also Fr. Hartge's farewell. The food plan worked better so we will keep making it better.
- III. Fair booth: Good volunteer participation except for Saturday. Horrible rain all day Friday will probably decrease our profit from past years. We are waiting on the Pepsi invoice then we will be able to give our final report on profits.
- IV. Opioid Addiction Prayer Initiative: Kathy reported that this didn't go anywhere since our last meeting. We discussed doing something around Adoration, but that didn't happen. **ACTION ITEM: Fr. Hahn will get his brother's Rosary Meditations on Addiction for us so that we can focus the October Rosaries on this. Possibly start the Sunday rosary earlier.**
 - i. Kathy will check the Diocesan website for addition/updated information.

