

St. Colman's Parish Council Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2018
6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Present: Fr. Hahn, Fr. Thomas, Marsha Arnold, Melissa Garland, Tina Garland, Dan Stahl. Excused: Kathy Henry. Absent: Pat Berryhill, Nick Garland

I. Opening prayer

II. Old Business

I. Father Hahn continued the discussion regarding our parish mission. We will continue to discuss this at each meeting in hopes of finishing it at the end of the year. The idea is to create a succinct mission statement that then could be pared down to a line or two to put on t-shirts, signs, etc. We need to start with a vision statement (what do we see ourselves being) then distill that down to a single statement that sums it all up. We will continue this discussion next meeting when more members are present.

II. Scarecrow Festival Update

- i. Dan reported that sales were down \$300 from last year. With it being so hot this year, not as many people were in the mood for chicken and noodles.
- ii. Volunteers were good.
- iii. Next year, look to changing the process. Maybe cooking product ahead of time and vacuum-seal it so that it isn't so labor intensive and time consuming during the three-day weekend. We need to find a way to get the product to the booth faster as quantities are running out. Marsha suggested that if they do decide to participate again, maybe we combine efforts.
- iv. The Knights of Columbus were selling fish beside us but they didn't do a very good business. Dan didn't think they were going to do it again next year.
- v. Tina suggested we write a report to recap the event so that someone could pick it up in the event none of us were here next year. We also need to have that record in the office. Each person involved in the coordination can write their own piece. So that would be Dan, Marsha, Helen Grim and Tina preparing this report.
ACTION ITEM: Dan said he would start this report.
- vi. We had a lot of food left over. The noodles and potatoes are in bags and shelf-stable. The chicken has been frozen. Discussion followed on what to do with the chicken. Possibly take the Epiphany lunch we do for the catechists and expand it to our volunteers.
- vii. Tina reported to Dan that Kelly Ford of the Festival committee called to say they had not received our payment for the booth this year. That check cleared in August. They possibly charged it to the Knights instead of the church.
- viii. Suggestion was also made to not participate next year. If \$300 was the profit, that is a lot of work for three days. And we are asking people to volunteer again so soon after the fair booth and before

Oktoberfest. Fr. Hahn suggested that we look at volunteer participation and see if people who don't work the fair or Oktoberfest work this booth. Tina mentioned that the exposure is a good thing in the community. Father Hahn suggested that we look at the manpower hours that went into this and maybe we have a different type of outreach effort at the festival instead of serving food. Dan thinks this is still a good outreach, but we need to make it simple for the volunteers.

- ix. ACTION ITEM: Dan wants to analyze the figures/manpower/process before a decision is made whether or not to continue this for next year.**

III. Oktoberfest Update

- i. Dan reported that the weather may require the event to move inside to the Parish Hall.
- ii. Raffle currently sits at \$5,000.
- iii. Two entertainers this year. One plays from 4-6:30. Bill Antoniak, who has been with us from the beginning, plays from 7-10. The cost for the two is \$1050, but Dan is securing donors to cover this cost.
- iv. We will have about 20 shirts to sell. We have 8 sponsors on the back for these.
- v. Handmade pretzels and beer mugs were purchased from the Columbus Oktoberfest. Their weather was bad, too, so they had things left over.
- vi. Alice Craig, former German teacher in WCH, has been promoting the event. Loaned German clothing to us for photo promos.
- vii. Discussion followed on having it so late in October. Weather wouldn't be so risky if we moved the event earlier in October or into September. Dan said he schedules it around the Oktoberfests of Greenfield, St. Peter (Chillicothe) and St. Columbkille in Wilmington. Plus, he wants to have it on an away OSU football game day as many of our volunteers often go to the home games.
- viii. Dan will prepare the report for this event as well. Marsha, Helen and Tina will add in their parts.**

III. New Business

- I. Winter Lantern Articles. Suggestions include:
 - i. Fr. Hartge's Part II of Stranger Things
 - ii. Don Moore's continuation of the church windows history
 - iii. Article from Brett on his first semester of priesthood
 - iv. March for Life reflections from youth. Since we have difficulty getting them to write about their experiences afterwards, suggestion was made to take the recorder and have Father ask them about their trip on the way home. Tina could then type them for the Lantern the after they return.
 - v. Caroling follow up
 - vi. Craig on the music program
 - vii. PSR update

- viii. Deacon Reed and Mary Smith on their trip to Uganda/Myrante Orphanage.
- ix. Deacon Bryant's trip to the Holy Land in January
- x. Dan Stahl give a recap of the year's events
- xi. Pictures – people like to see the pictures and it shows that we are an active parish.
 - 1. Fairbooth
 - 2. Scarecrow booth
 - 3. Oktoberfest
 - 4. Caroling
 - 5. Picture of volunteers at Epiphany lunch if we do that
 - 6. Christmas
 - 7. March for Life Trip
 - 8. Uganda pics if we can get any
- xii. **ACTION ITEM: Tina will move forward securing articles for a February mailing.**

- IV. **Committee Reports:** Tina only had reports from Kathy Henry, Missy Garland and Fr. Hahn to distribute to the council beforehand. Father asked if anyone had comments about those reports.
 - I. Discussion followed on Food Pantry/Rose Avenue pantry/The Well and whether we need to promote these in the bulletin. Since many of our parishioners are already involved with these organizations, decision was made to not promote them at this time. However, we may want to list Sue Willis' number in the bulletin in case people would like to volunteer at the Food Pantry.
 - II. The LIFE Booty Campaign is currently at \$9,000.
 - III. Tina gave an update on the Florida property sale that we are now waiting on the final paperwork from the Title Company in Florida.
- V. **Pastor Report**
 - I. Father Hahn invited everyone to his Holy Land informational meeting next Thursday at 7pm at St. Peter.
 - II. He is implementing a new marriage prep program. Stephanie is the point person for it. Couples planning to marry will choose a mentor couple in the parish (a couple that is active in the parish and attend Mass regularly) to meet with and do things with them before, during and after the wedding. They will still do the pre-Cana prep at the Diocese. The process still takes at least six months.
- VI. **Next Meeting: January 22, 6:15pm in the Rectory. Committee reports will be due to Tina by Monday, January 14. If you need to know who you are a liaison to for these reports, refer to the August minutes or contact Tina.**
- VII. Father closed the meeting with The Glory Be.

Parish Council Committee Reports

Kathy Henry

FOOD PANTRY: (Dan Dean)

They need volunteers to help distribute food on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1 to 3 pm. Also, help unloading the food trucks from the mid ohio food bank is needed every other Friday at 8:30 am. 2800 lbs. of food were unloaded Friday, October 5. The next food truck delivery will be Friday, October 19th. All is at the Presbyterian Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: (Mary Jo Wall)

Recent report in the bulletin: \$1,481.27 distributed, 64 calls received.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: (Stephanie Robinson)

- PSR began September 9th. We currently have 50 students enrolled/attending. The First Communion class is only 2 students this year and there is no Confirmation in 2019.
- The Youth Lock-In is Saturday, October 13th. The theme is “*Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength*”
- The mum sale has wrapped up. The funds raised will be used to help pay for meals on the March for Life trip in January.
- The wreath sale is now underway. Those proceeds will also be used for the March for Life trip.
- The annual March for Life pilgrimage is January 17-19 2019.
- RCIA began September 11th. We have 7 people attending.
- The Adult Study group is currently viewing Bishop Robert Barron’s series The Mass. We have 14 people participating in the study.

DRUG/OPIOID EPIDEMIC: (Kathy)

Columbus Diocesan website has a number of resources for families, parishes, schools, communities from both the Church, the State of Ohio and the federal govt.

- <https://columbuscatholic.org/drug-awareness>

Prayer:

- We have discussed hosting a prayer vigil for individuals and families struggling with substance abuse.
- We might also include in the intercessions a petition for those struggling as well as for law enforcement officers, health care providers, counselors and treatment center staff.

Supporting local organizations/efforts:

- Community Action Commission of Fayette County (www.cacfayettecounty.org) has a number of programs in place to address issues of concern for local residents. Do we support them directly or indirectly? Can we make these opportunities more visible for our membership?
- ❖ Drug Free Communities Program – Prevention Coalition <https://www.cacfayettecounty.org/fcpc/> - may be the same as the Faith in Recovery Coalition; efforts focused on needs assessment and developing effective community response.
- ❖ Faith in Recovery Coalition <https://www.cacfayettecounty.org/faith-in-recovery> - A collaborative of govt, nonprofit and faith-based organizations that meets monthly to combat substance abuse in Fayette County. The coalition identifies strategies to decrease substance abuse, promote healthier life styles, and improve the lives of our neighbors battling substance abuse.

Missy Garland

LIFE Pregnancy

The Knights of Columbus are initiating a Ultrasound Campaign to help LIFE Pregnancy Center purchase a new 3D-4D machine. Steve Janasov will speak at the Masses on October 5th-6th, Respect Life Sunday to launch a fundraising campaign for St. Colman. This campaign involves participants to remove a baby booty with numbers 1-100 from the LIFE logo and submit payment to the Knights for the number that was taken. If all 100 numbers are paid, collectively the fundraiser will yield \$5050.00. The Banquet was held on September 20th and was one of our most successful and memorable banquets. The profits for this event will appear in our next LIFELINES Newsletter. Tours of our facility are available daily. Preferably after 3pm but drop-ins are always welcome.

Father Hahn/Tina Garland

1. We applied for a \$15,000 grant from The Catholic Foundation to help repair or replace 67 windows in the church addition. The windows on the west side (facing the rectory) are in most need of attention. Quotes were collected to repair the windows; however, one of the vendors suggested we replace them instead of repair. That is yet to be decided once we hear if we receive all or part of what we have requested. Notification of awards will be sent in December.
2. The Florida lots are almost sold. We are in the final leg of the process.
3. October is Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. Bulletin inserts will be in each weekend from the USCCB to support Respect Life. The rosary leaders will incorporate the prayers Fr. Hahn's brother published on addiction so that the rosary each weekend will be centered on addiction.

Respectfully submitted 10/26/18 TMG