

MINUTES OF THE June 6, 2016
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

In attendance: M. Colombo, L. Ouellette, D. Ouellette, D. Murphy, P. Moses, B. Sawyer, D. Kreppein, and E. Kiley

Staff in attendance: D. O'Neil, C. Houston, & R. Smith.

Guest: Kurtis Grant

Fr. Tom opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mary introduced Kurtis Grant, our volunteer web master.

Approval of Minutes: Leo moved and Bill seconded approval of the May meeting minutes.

Stewardship: Leo reported on the *We Share* program. He has talked with WeShare representative Keith Albert who said that there is no bad time to kick off the We Share Program. Leo indicated that Fr. Fred, our incoming Pastor, is familiar with this program as it is used in his present parish. Fr. Tom said, rather than sign the agreement himself, it would be more appropriate for the new pastor to sign it if he approves.

New Parishioner Welcome: The procedure to welcome new parishioners is now in place and will include a new-parishioner luncheon in the fall.

Young Adults: There has not been a new initiative for young adults since the last meeting. Fr. Tom said he believed that Fr. Fred will be very helpful with this goal as he has had experience working with young adults from prior assignments and has worked with AmeriCorps Volunteers.

Communication: Paula stated that the updates to the Communication Director job description have been completed. Fr. Tom suggested that we wait for Fr. Fred's approval before going forward. However, he has directed our parish bookkeeper to include the salary in next year's budget. Kurtis volunteered to fill the position on a volunteer basis only. (He also informed the council that the updated website has had more than 38,000 hits from around the world in one month.)

The Holy Spirit Pastoral Council update on this past year's accomplishments will be included as an insert in the bulletin.

Diocesan Finance Council: Paula informed the council that the Diocese will be asking parishes to participate in a campaign to increase offertory collections. Because the amount to be raised is based on the numbers of families in the parish, it is imperative that our data be up-to-date. Five parishes will begin trialing this shortly for a twelve to eighteen-month period.

Evangelization: Rosanne reported briefly on the evangelization workshop called "*Unlock the Secrets to a More Vibrant Parish*" that she and Paula attended. The program involves calling parishioners to make personal contact by asking ten people to make ten calls to find out perceptions about how the parish can better serve its members and to listen to ideas about making our parish more vibrant. More information from Rosanne will follow.

Since You Asked: Elizabeth noted that Linda Rose has written two articles on the food pantries that will be published in the bulletin. In July, articles on the Green Committee and our new pastor will be published. Kurtis stated that there is a frequently asked question blog on the web site that can include this information.

The meeting closed with prayer at 5:35 p.m. followed by a social to close out our year.

NOTE: The Pastoral Council disbanded as of the end of June due to a change of pastor. Therefore, no vote for approval was made. However, the draft minutes were distributed to all members and two changes suggested by one member were made. No one else made any suggestions for changes.