

**St. John's Catholic Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2013**

**Present:** Michelle Debord, Chair; Barbara Claypool, Vice Chair; Fr. Francis; Randy Watts; and Mary Ellen Watts (parishioner)

**Absent:** Delores Boehm; Shane Smith; Walter Baldwin; Jose Olguin; Stan Stephaniwicz

Mr. Watts read the Gospel according to Luke 6:12-19 to open the meeting.

Minutes

Minutes of the August 13, 2013, meeting were approved by acclamation.

Finances:

Finance Council meets next week. Fr. Francis will be attending a mandatory meeting the next day.

Website Draft:

Ms. Veselik demonstrated a draft of a new website. Except for some content needed and some tweaking, it could be ready very soon. Discussion followed.

Committee Reports:

- *Education* – We will be starting a Bible Series on September 29, 2013, utilizing all five episodes shown on network television. We will also be utilizing a guidebook followed by discussion and a short DVD lesson the following week. Discussion followed regarding when to start the class, as Tuesday is the best day so that Fr. Francis could participate. It was decided by common consent that Parish Council will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 with the class running from 7:00 to 8:00 until Christmas.
- *Parish Life* – Picnic is September 15 at Hungry Mother Park Shelter One, immediately following Mass. The Christmas dinner date has not yet been scheduled; however, Mass schedule will follow the normal protocol as in years past. Discussion followed.
- *Building and Grounds* – Wrapping up the work in the kitchen tile in the Parish House and need to touch up some painting in the kitchen as well. We would like to have a dedication ceremony for the Parish House once all the work is completed. Discussion followed. It was noted that the curtains should be closed for security purposes and a sign will be posted to remind anyone using the house

to be sure the curtains are pulled before leaving. It was also noted that bids are out for new tables and chairs, and the bracket to repair the altar relic is also ready to be installed.

- *Liturgy* – Mr. Baldwin reported that Ann Baldwin will be contacting Fr. Francis regarding music for the Christmas liturgies. Discussion followed regarding the Prayer service for Syria.
- *Introduction of Visitors* – Going well.
- *Office Manager* – Mr. Stephanowicz is in the deaconate program and is scheduled for ordination in October 19, 2013, in Richmond, Virginia. Discussion follows.

#### Father's Report:

- Fr. Thanked Mr. Watts and others for organizing the prayer service for Syria.
- Daniel from the Hispanic community will be leaving and moving back to California with his family.
- Fr's vacation is scheduled December 27, 2013, for four weeks.
- Fr. Trying to get Hispanic community to join the rest of the parish for the picnic, but they are having a farewell dinner at the same time for Daniel, so he will have to leave the picnic to conduct the Spanish Mass and then will return to the picnic.
- Another challenge with Hispanic Community is that we currently have no representative on council.
- All Souls Day is November 2 and we need to have everything arranged ahead of time. Discussion followed.

#### New Business

- Bishop's Annual Diocesan Appeal: Ms. Debord, Mr. Baldwin, and Fr. Francis attended a meeting in Roanoke regarding the Bishop's Appeal and where the money goes. The money raised by the appeal could benefit St. John's by allowing us to apply for funds because we are a mission parish. A brochure explaining the appeal was distributed, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Discussion followed.

Fr. Recommended that the Parish Council earmark the monies that are returned to St. John's from this Appeal. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to earmark all monies to the Social Outreach. We have also applied for additional funds beyond the percentage we will receive back. Discussion followed regarding earmarking the additional funds towards special ministries, such as support for mother's with disabled children, prison ministry, etc. Discussion followed.

Goals and setting: Discussion ensued regarding the goals, listing them in the bulletin each week, and reporting on what we are doing to meet those goals. Ideas discussed were putting

pictures on the new website to go along with some of the ministries to put “faces” with activities and events.

Unfinished Business

- Faith Formation started September 8, 2013.

A summary of the minutes will be placed in the next bulletin.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at X p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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