

# The Catholic Community of Sumter Parish Council

## Minutes of the Council Meeting September 26, 2017

**Members present:** Fr. Giovannie Nunez – Parish Administer, Fr. Noly Berjuega-Parochial Vicar, Bro. Rufino, Nicole Macedo- Recording Secretary, Valerie Williams, Andrew Williams, David Marcella, Dr. Jan Neuner, Joey Duggan, Paul Dunlap, Harvin Bullock, Dr. Mark Crabbe, Chris Hilditch and Dee Reiter

**Additional attendees:** Celso Lujan, Regina Carson, Dominic Montell, Jackie Montell

Fr. Gio opened the meeting with The Hail Mary.

The corrected minutes from August were reviewed and approved

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Building and Grounds Committee** - David Marcella Thanked Principal Kristi Doyle and the Families from SASJ Catholic School for cleaning up the school ground.

-Advanced Heating and Air completed an inspection of the HVAC systems at St. Anne. The units cool well but the fan has to run all the time. Moisture from the outside is being pulled inside by the fan if the A/C is not running too. David is currently getting estimates to have the coils cleaned. The system is not designed to cycle (The Fan) when the air is on. It does when the Heat is on. – Celso Lujan offered to assist with the HVAC issues and volunteered to be a Building and Maintenance Committee member.

David reported a 4 main issues that need to be fixed at St. Anne:

- Replace the Backdoor (sacristy entrance)
- Weather Stripping for the Front Door
- Train the Ushers to use the HVAC system and empty the de-humidifiers (currently Tony Mancini and David are doing this)
- Replace the Thermostat

Fr. Gio feels that running the Air Conditioning to bring down the humidity levels would be less expensive than running the humidifiers. David will check into this.

Manuel Ramon has offered to help with the Driveways at St. Jude. The cement is badly damaged on both entrances and needs to be patched or replaced. David feels that covering the areas with asphalt is the easiest solution, but it was decided to go with Cement. Nicole reported that SCDOT was asked to make the repairs but because SASJ is a commercial property, SCDOT declined to assist. Also, there is a question of a permit for work on driveways on State maintained road. Joey Duggan volunteered to help get the permit information.

**Faith Formation** – Nicole discussed the enrollment process for Religious Education. Currently, there are 111 children registered in Religious Education and the sacrament programs. The deadline for registering is October 29<sup>th</sup>. The program is fully staffed with 11 catechists and 3 young adult classroom aids. SASJ does not have a paid Director of Religious Ed at this time. Tina Couture has been volunteering her time to help Nicole on Sundays. Volunteers are still needed to substitute teach classes at time. -The Youth Ministry (CYS) the Youth Group is booming. Frank Costas, Youth Minister has a wonderful team of adult volunteers (Core Team) that are dedicated and work very well together. They are continuing to use the Lifeteen Program on Sundays and have a full year of activities and service projects planned.

**Young Adult Ministry** - Fr. Gio announced that a Young Adult Ministry will be started soon. 2 parishioners have been identified to work with Fr. Gio to start this ministry. Along with strengthening their faith, Fr. Gio is hoping that the Young Adult Ministry will draw the younger demographic to take a more active role in the parish.

**Picnic Committee** – Chris Hilditch – reports that as of yet, there hasn't been a lot of help from volunteers for the Parish Picnic. The last 2 meetings only had 2 people attend. Chris would like to address the parish at the Masses and ask for help. The Ministry Fair will be outside at the picnic. All committees and groups will be asked to have a table with Enthusiastic members to talk to people as they walk up to the picnic. The Youth Group will handle the games for the kids, The Dunk Tank is in the works, and some prizes have already been donated for Bingo.

**Charismatic Prayer Group** – Jan Neuner reported that the Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held October 7 at St. Jude.

**KPCA** – Regina Carson reports that three new members will be initiated on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne. October 31<sup>st</sup> is the Safe Environment Halloween Party, and Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> is the Vendor Extravaganza.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Margaret J. Lafoon Trust- College Scholarships-** No Updates at this time

**AED/ Defibrillators** – 2 training sessions for the AEDs and CPR has been scheduled. October 5<sup>th</sup> at St Jude and November 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Anne

**Subcommittee Report- No report** – The trip to St. Michaels in Murrells Inlet is scheduled for Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>. The group will meet at St. Jude at 10:30am to caravan/carpool to St. Michaels.

Mark Crabbe asked about the request for guidelines from the BRAC committee at the Diocese. Nicole stated that Lydia Doyle was contacted by email with a brief list of questions that the Sub Committee has. Ms. Doyle has contacted Fr. Gio, but they have not been able to discuss the questions or schedule a visit to Sumter.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mass Schedules** – Fr. Gio stated that we are blessed to have two Parish Locations and two priests in Sumter. Fr. Gio and Fr. Noly have evaluated the two daily masses and feel that only one daily mass is necessary. We are one community and we should be together for mass as much as possible. Fr. Gio would like one mass daily to alternate between St. Anne and St. Jude. Monday, Wednesday, Friday mass will be at 8:15am in St Anne. Tuesday, Thursday, will be at 7:00am in St Jude & Saturday mass would be added at 9:00am. Fr. Gio & Fr. Noly understand that this is a change and will cause some confusion, but they have prayed over this issue and feel that it will not take the community long to adjust. Dr. Crabbe stated that this is a great idea. Jan Neuner feels that this will discourage people from mass due to the time. Adoration will always be held at St Jude on Tuesdays. The new mass schedule will take place after Christ Our King in November.

Fr. Gio also discussed our Sunday Mass schedule. To get away from having concurrent masses (2 Twelve O'clock masses) Fr. Gio proposed moving the Spanish Mass back to 5:00pm. Nicole stated that, the mass was moved from 5:00pm and has been a blessing to the Spanish community. The earlier mass time allows the Spanish community to bring their kids to Religious Education and then attend mass. No decision to change the Sunday masses has been made. Fr. Gio and Fr. Noly will continue to pray and discuss the issue.

**New Website** – Fr. Gio has designed and built the new St Anne and St Jude Website. It goes live this coming weekend. He invites everyone to check it out. [www.sasjrcc.org](http://www.sasjrcc.org).

**Fr. Frank** – Fr. Noly and Fr. Gio would like a verbal announcement to go out at every mass inviting parishioners to send cards and letters to Fr. Frank.

**Liturgical Ministry Training** – Fr. Gio would like to have training for all areas of Liturgical Ministers and update the volunteer lists. Andrew Williams volunteered to man the table at the Picnic/Ministry Fair. He feels BOTH parish locations should have the same training. We need more uniformity between the parishes. Currently there are significant difference in the way things are done.

**Special Masses** Fr. Gio announced that we will celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Jude on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> with a 9:00am mass and a reception afterward. There will be a Novena to Saint Jude in the 9 days leading up to the Feasts Day. THEN on December 12<sup>th</sup>, Brother Rufino and Brother Kevin will be ordained as transitional Deacons at Saint Anne. A reception will be planned.

Fr. Gio thanked the Parish Council for their time and dedication. Fr. Noly closed the meeting with the Glory Be.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Nicole Macedo- Recording Secretary**