

# The Catholic Community of Sumter Parish Council

## Minutes of the Council Meeting November 2, 2017

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

**Members missing:** Chris Hilditch

**No Additional attendees**

Fr. Gio opened the meeting with The Hail Mary.

The minutes from September were reviewed and approved with no changes

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Building and Grounds Committee** - David Marcella reported that two gentleman from the parish have volunteered to help him on the Building and Grounds Committee

**Hispanic Community** – Paul Dunlap stated that the permit for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Precession has been submitted to the City. The community has all been busy planning and practicing for the Mass and Festivities.

**Picnic Committee** – Fr. Gio asked for opinions on the Parish Picnic (In the absence of Chris Hilditch)

- Some good response to the ministry table sign ups
- The Dunk Tank was popular
- The Bingo and games for the kids were appreciated
- The attendance numbers were up from last year
- There was more attendance from the Hispanic community
- Complaints about the flies in the Parish Hall

Fr. Gio reminded the Parish Council and Committee heads to make sure the follow up has been done for all of the Ministry table/sign ups.

**Young Adult Ministry** - Fr. Gio announced that a Young Adult Ministry kicked off with 10 attendees. A. Williams expressed concern that the Young Adult age parameters (18-45) was too big of an age gap. A 40 year old has nothing in common with an 18 year old. Fr. Gio will revisit this with The Young Adult Leaders.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Margaret J. Lafoon Trust- College Scholarships-** Fr. Noly attended the Scholarship Committee in Fr. Gio's Absence. The Chairperson is working on finalizing the paperwork and is planning to have everything in place for early next year.

**Subcommittee Report-** the St. Michael's trip was done on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Several members of Parish Council Sub-Committee attended. A. Williams reported that St. Michael's had 3 main people who met weekly to address issues, plan and carry out the building of the church. They did this with the guidance of the diocese. The following are some important take aways from the St. Michael's trip:

- ❖ Priests/ Leadership must be fully invested in the project
- ❖ Parishioners must be invested and involved in the project
- ❖ A Capital Campaign may be needed
- ❖ New fundraising ideas were discussed (bricks, Pavers, Pews etc.) Columbarium sales were a big money maker.

Most importantly, The Priests need to be on board and a driving force of support. We still need the requirements from the Diocese/BRC committee before going any further with preparation.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Town Hall with Bishop Guglielmo** – Fr. Gio recently met with Bishop Guglielmo and stated that the Bishop will come to Sumter to address the catholic Community. Parish Council agrees that this will be a good thing for the parish as there have been several “strange” rumors or “assumptions” being circulated amongst the parishioners. This will open the lines of communications for all who attend. The date of November 27<sup>th</sup> was set. Fr. Gio will confirm with Bishop Guglielmo.

**Ordination Committee-** Fr. Gio asked for volunteers from Parish Council to form an Ordination Committee to help plan the logistic of the Mass and Celebration on December 12<sup>th</sup>. A. Williams and J. Duggan agreed to Co- Chair the committee. We are expecting 200 people from the other Adorno parishes Brother Rufino will work with everyone on the details of Food, Overflow, Music, Decorations. Etc...

**Mass Schedules** – Fr. Gio stated that we are blessed to have two Parish Locations and two priests in Sumter. Currently, we have 865 registered families. Generally, in the diocese, 1 priest would care for 1000 parishioners. With our current parishioner numbers and financial situation, Saint Anne and Saint Jude is basically a ONE Priest Parish. Fr. Gio and Fr. Noly have again, evaluated and prayed about the two daily masses and have decided that only one daily mass is necessary. We are one community and we should be together for mass as much as possible. The Daily Mass will be held alternated between the two locations. J. Neuner asked that the record reflect “People who cannot make the 8:15am mass because of work will be denied going to mass”. Several possible schedule changes were proposed and discussed. The schedule will be announced and begin after the first Sunday of advent (the beginning of the new Liturgical year).

**Roof Repairs** – Nicole submitted a recent Bid (\$21,000) from Square it Up Roofing on repairs to three Buildings at Saint Jude. Currently there are small leaks in the Parish Office, Parish Hall, & Youth Building. At present these are not major issues, but the issue should be addressed as we are able. The written estimate along with pictures of the damaged areas were passed along to D. Marcella for consideration on the Building and Maintenance Committee (just for reference).

- ❖ Due to issues brought before Parish Council that require a working knowledge of the parish finances, Parish Council again request a member of the Finance Council to be present at PC meetings. This would allow PC to make informed recommendations to Fr. Gio.

**Stewardship Committee** – Fr. Gio would like to form a Stewardship Committee to spearhead the stewardship and evangelization of the parish. One function of this committee would be to encourage the love of Christ in our parishioners and to help further develop our parish community. Issue Tabled until a Chairperson is found.

Fr. Gio thanked the Parish Council for their time and dedication. Brother Rufino also thanked the Parish Council for their willingness to serve and help with the Ordination. He is pleased to say that he will be staying in Sumter for a time as a transitional Deacon. The meeting was closed with the Glory Be.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Nicole Macedo- Recording Secretary**