

St Rita's Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2019

7 PM

Welcome: Parish Council Members in attendance were Fr. Peter DiTomasso, Fr. Christopher Onyeneke, Gary Spegal, Tom Beck, Mike Luttrell, John VanDerCruyssen, Faye Ganoë and Joe Kenney (Finance Committee), Diane Cruttenden (Women's Society) and Marty Schorn (Building Grounds).

Opening Prayer: The meeting was held at St. Rita's house and began with an opening prayer by Fr. Peter DiTomasso

Approval of Minutes: The last meeting was held April 23, 2019 at 7 PM and the meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

• Finance

- The Cash Summary Analysis for the period ending 4-30-19 was presented. Weekly donations need to increase to meet next year's budget. Faye and Joe are researching giving patterns to determine what increases we need to request. Father Peter, The Parish Council and Finance Committee will prepare a communication to be delivered to the Parishioners. The Parish members will be presented with the letter when we approach the new budget year. A sample letter will be delivered to the council for review and editing. There was discussion around the idea of selling the Parish house to help with the shortfall. Father Peter said the house would not be sold.

• Family Ministry - Father Peter. Nothing new to report.

• Women's Society – Diane Cruttenden.

- 100th Anniversary: The hall will be set up on Friday July 12th at 10:30 a.m. by Joan, Alice Sanders, Faith and Paulette. The Women's Society will donate a 3-tier cake for the dinner and Peggy will make those arrangements. The cake will be made by Krystal and will cost \$1.75 per person
- A Tea will be held on July 14 as part of the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration at 2:00 PM.

- **Building and Grounds** – Mart Schorn
 - Snow Removal – The current contractor that plows the parking lot gave a bid for shoveling the sidewalks. He would charge \$25 to \$30 for each snowfall depending on the snow amount. He also would charge \$20 for each time he salts the sidewalks. That fee would include salt.
 - Lawn Care: The new contractor doing the mowing charges \$25 an hour for mowing and trimming. The contractor that does the plowing indicated that he would charge a \$150 flat fee to mow once a week and trim two times a month. Father will monitor how many hours we are paying the current lawn care provider so we can compare the two charges and make an educated decision.
 - New LED bulb has failed three times but is under warranty.
 - Parking Lot – Parking lot quotes were obtained and reviewed.
 - Gano Paving Inc: \$62,820 (Two phases)
 - AAA Paving and Excavating: \$90,035 plus \$750 for line painting
 - New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.: \$109,711.25
 - Fayetteville Contractor's Inc.: \$74,300, option of \$900 to seal curbs.

- The Council voted to accept the bid from Fayetteville Contractors. \$25,000 from the Savings Account and \$20,000 from Maintenance Account will be used to pay for the project and Father will request a loan from the Diocese for the \$30,000 balance.

- **Old Business/Follow-up**

- **Parish Directory** – Nothing new to report. The photographer is not returning phone calls.
- **Fundraising Committee** – John VanDerCruyssen
 - Apparel sale just wrapped up. No details on the results so far.
 - Next fundraiser is a chicken BBQ on June 14, from 3-5:30. Carry out only.
 - The Women's Society suggested having a food truck festival as a fundraiser.
 - Peggy VanDerCruyssen is coordinating a committee to put together a parish cookbook to sell as a fundraiser.

- **Security Upgrades** – A program called Stop the Bleed will be presented at St Mary's and at St Rita's. Details are in the bulletins.

New Business - St Rita's 100th Anniversary:

- Mass at 6:30, followed by dinner at the Lakeside at starting at 7:45-8:00.
- 175 invitations sent out with RSVPs to go to Father Peter.

- Mountain Gate will cater the dinner and the menu includes carved beef, fish, scalloped potatoes, roll, vegetable and salad. Cake will be purchased and paid for by the Women's Society.
- Arrangements are being made for set up, tablecloths and various auctions/raffles to assist with the expense.
- Parish Picnic scheduled for August 4, 2019 at 1:00 at Carroll Valley Park.

Closing Prayer - By Father Chris.