

# MINUTES – Parish Council – October 6, 2021

## Attendees:

Justin            Mary  
Melanie        Diane G  
Andrew G      Donna Z - Guest  
Christine      Al Sprehe - Guest  
Clare            **Absent:**  
David           Nicholas  
Erin             Andrew V.  
Jack  
John  
Fr. Jack

Diane G. led with opening prayer.

Guests: Al, Donna

Minutes from September – no changes – approved

## Old Business:

- Archive Project – Al
  - Process as opposed to findings
  - Announced at Masses
  - Met with Bill Blow until Covid
  - Made several trips to archdiocesan office, downtown library, History Museum, Mercantile Library UMSL, Post-Dispatch, Globe
  - Need to go through Sacrament records
  - 2 sets of binders: 1878 – present
  - Displayed one time after the Masses
  - File cabinet in parish center
  - Parishioners are writing their experiences
  - Have made multiple phone calls and will interview in person
  - Small book highlighting some things – it will need to be digitized by someone else.
  - Bill is writing a summary with a hard cover – 2 copies of everything
  - Update PC every quarter – can't wait to share findings.
  - They will be asking for help after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

- ABAR
  - Christine, Justin, Fr. Jack, Melanie met
  - Proposal from Ashwini
  - Will need a core group sub committee
  - Work out a one-year plan
  - Parish wide survey – Andrew will send out next week
  
- Social Justice Committee
  - Anti-racism
  - 30 other parishes, conference, speakers
  - Next step reparations financially
  - Vigil once/month
  - Retreat in January
  - Meeting on Zoom the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 6:00 – 7:30
  - Give Al your email to be invited to social justice meeting – ½ white and ½ people of color
  - Priest – race war 1917 – presentation of movie at Rock Church November 7
  - Vibrant group
  
- Neighborhood association – Drury ~~building~~
  - 6 story apartment complex – no track record for affordable housing
  - Park Central
  - ~~Drury specified residential, not hotel~~
  
- Fundraiser Update
  - St. John – 63 cards - \$630 check
  - Check and cash donations \$820
  - \$5500 budget
  - About \$1200 profit from the mums
  - Need to confirm that Nick is taking over the fundraising

- Website / FB wish list for parish needs? – Andrew G
  - Not sure how much covered by insurance
  - Something concrete that people could contribute to if it were online
  - SVDP never thought about putting online – Donna will bring it up at the next meeting.
  
- Young Adult Group – David
  - 1/3 of group messaging app, hosting events, message when attending events, impromptu
  - 36 members – 12 or so are active
  
- Pride Fest
  - Tower Grove
  - Staffed booth 12 or so hour long shifts
  - Healing conversations
  - Not trying to get people in the pew
  - Made brochures and put-up banners
  - People waving – meaningful for some
  - Controversy – shouldn't be there if won't marry – uncomfortable with Catholic Church
  - So what are we doing? – Seeking to be inclusive
  
- Recruiting for PC
  - Challenge leaving PC – talk to people to replace yourself
  - One-on-one conversations
  - Submit names to Christine
  - Spread the word
  - Invite to Nov. & Dec meetings – then they join in January
  
- Inclusive, equality, St. Cronan, LGBTQ

- o Need new banners that represent us – did not say St. Cronan anywhere
  - o Put on wish list
  - o Message of healing, forgiveness
  - o Can use the BLM banner... (inclusive community)
  - o Make a new banner would be great
  - o Necessity in offering healing – make a statement as to who we are
- Letter to Archbishop - Justin
    - o Letter focused on welcome, social justice church, LGBTQ+ community
    - o Salutation, P.S. – Fr. Jack will give Justin info
    - o Is this a bad time with strategic planning? Is it opening a can of worms?
    - o There's nothing in the letter against church teaching
    - o Puts a bug in his ear – there needs to be a place that welcomes people that other places won't
    - o Approved to edit and send letter
- Volunteers
    - o If every month, need help
    - o Email all groups already honored
    - o Every other month is fine
- Fr. Jack's report
    - o Prayer, evangelization, changes in operation
    - o 400 opportunities for people to talk
    - o Questionnaire to everyone
    - o 188 parishes started – 57 when they finished
    - o Strategic plan
    - o Health task force meeting protocols
    - o Bill preached Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> – divorce, people asked for link
    - o Finance report – accountant delayed – will have official report in next couple of weeks
    - o Meeting parish reps – Saturday 8:00-2:00 – Melanie and Chabanel

- Remembrance Day
  - October 31
  - 7 parishioners passed this year – limit to those people
  - Haven't talked to Liturgy yet.
- Frame over library hasn't been updated
- Saturday – active shooter training
  
- Mary's report
  - Roof on Parish center virtually nothing – insurance approved so no deductible – may do add-ons like gutters
  - HVAC inspected
  - 2 units have bad motors – replace motors is \$1000 each; but they're over 20 years old - \$9000 each to replace
  - 2 units were shut down because recalled 1999 Lenox – no one has records of this
  - \$300-\$400 minor repair
  - Mid-Town grant from Spire – new garden between fence and playground – vegetables and 3 to 5 cherry trees – pulled out stump
  - Need to set up meeting to bid for audio in church
  
- Melanie will reach out about Nick
- ABAR
- David is making banner
- Recruit people for PC
- Fr. Jack and Justin – letter
- Diane – poster
- David – closing prayer