

St. Augustin Parish Council Meeting

June 12, 2018

St. Augustin Church Conference Room

Call to Order: Pat Smith called to order 6:35 pm.

Present: Father Christopher Pisut, Marianne Dowd, Karen Pierick, Sherill Whisenand, Colin Riemersma, Pat Smith, Jackie Schubert, John Gilbert, Nick Bigelow, John Knight

Absent: Katie Martin, Ryan Galloway, Paul Martin

Approval of May minutes: Carried (Karen moved, Jackie 2nd)

Introduction of new Council members: Marianne Dowd, John Gilbert, and John Knight were welcomed to the council. John K. fills the vacancy now left by Jackie Schubert. Karen Pierick was also acknowledged as starting a second term.

Officer positions: (Pat) Elections will take place at the August meeting. The current officers are open to serving another year. Meetings will continue to take place the second Tuesday of each month in the conference room.

St. Thomas Classical Academy: (Father) A home school program (and partner to our CGS program) will begin in our lower level in August. It will run twice a week and the parish will be paid \$300/month for the use of its space. It is supported by the bishop, and the Board of Education perceived no conflict of interest. Discussion also arose regarding the fee hikes for our CGS program.

Feast Day: (Nick) A committee has formed and will meet throughout the summer, with Feast Day mass and festivities scheduled for August 25. Maria Tovar will serve as chair.

Historic Sites status: Father has asked Ryan Galloway to meet with Business Manager Sybil Sullivan Heilman about next steps in this process. We will re-visit this at the next meeting.

Board of Education: (Nick) Please see the accompanying document for a report. The council discussed the Discernment model for BOE member selection further, clarifying that (1) all members contribute to the decision, (2) openings are advertised, (3) one non-Catholic is allowed, and (4) discernment is helpful in filling needs.

Finance: Ryan will now serve on Finance Council, so Nick volunteered to serve as the new PC liaison.

Buildings & Grounds: Father reported that there have been no major projects.

Parish Life: The Corpus Christi procession and celebration went smoothly. Praise was offered for our parish communications, especially the work of Victoria Bettis. Positive feedback was also given for the coloring pads in the pews.

Performing Arts: (Sherill) The first of three fundraiser events has taken place and it was a success. The second and third will take place in the summer.

Expenditures: Father responded to issues raised in our last meeting about expenditures. Altar and Rosary Society paid for the closet locks and Easter decorations; the parish does not pay for gardening as services are volunteered; most permanent decorations were paid for in Father's first year and therefore incur no ongoing expense.

Adjournment: 7:42 pm (Sherill moved, Colin 2nd). Next meeting scheduled for July 10th at 6:30.