

St. Augustin Parish Council Meeting

November 12, 2019

St. Augustin Church Conference Room

Call to Order: Nick Bigelow called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Present: Nick Bigelow, John Knight, Sherill Whisenand, Colin Riemersma, Matt Eide, Karen Pierick, Maryann Dowd, Christen Cota, John Gilbert, Father Pisut

Absent: None

Guests: Jenny Lorbiecki

Approval of October minutes: Carried (Colin moved, Christen 2nd)

School Board Report: Upcoming events at the school-

- Red Ribbon Week was last week at the school
- Principal Kautzky is attending training on how to train others in de-escalating student crisis situations (emotional and potentially physical) she will be able to train others upon her return. No parish or school funds used for this.
- 5th grade will be attending JA Biztown next week
- Monday November 25th there will be a meeting in the St A's gym. A follow up meeting to the blue-ribbon board on catholic education will be discussed.
- Fr. Mentioned it was brought to his attention that there was a same sex couple with children enrolled at St A's. St A's is a non-discriminatory environment and Fr. stated he had a conversation with the Bishop about this as well.
- Home and School auction was a success, the goals for fundraising were achieved and possibly surpassed.
- St A's Mock trial team got 1st place at regionals and will compete at the state competition.
- KofC golf outing funds were partially used to purchase new mac books for teachers

Old Items of business:

Music Director- The search continues for a new full-time music director. Discussion ensued as to if this was in fact a fulltime position. Also, at this time the topic of the "new" keyboard was brought up. Fr. Found a potential deal on a pre-loved keyboard that is currently being auditioned and is in the choir loft. Decisions are trying to be made on volume and wiring concerns. Fr. Wanted to encourage those interested to try it out.

New Items of Business:

Annual Report- Fr Pisut stated that the annual report is done and will be available at all weekend masses as well as was distributed through email. Many commented on liking the structure and information. Some confusion on which years were represented in the school figures. Putting a face on the parish through pictures and descriptions was also well liked by many.

New Hires: Ian is a new part-time hire that is helping out around the parish with odd jobs both office wise and odd jobs on the physical plant of the parish. His anticipated employment is one year or less.

Communication: Karen brought up that it feels as though the council is often the last to know information that is central to the operations of the parish. This is both embarrassing and defeats the purpose of the council as an advisory panel for Father. Staffing changes and financial expenditures were the main topics that council felt they were often un-informed about. Matt suggested a monthly update by Father to the council in this regard to keep everyone on the same page and allow the council to advise Father from a parishioner's viewpoint.

Christmas: Mass times will be unchanged from previous years FR. Pisut's open house will be December 5th.

Board/Council reports-

School Board: See Earlier notes

Finance: No report

Building and Grounds: No report

Parish Life: Fr Ricardo will be saying mass on Dec 7th at 4pm. Mass needed to be moved to accommodate his schedule.

Stewardship: No Report

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:29. (Moved by John, Second by Christen)

Next meeting is December 10th at 6:30pm