

**Sts. Isidore & Maria Torribia Parish
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2019**

Present

Council

Arthur Jones	Anna Bauer	Roger Parulski	Theresa White
Josh Apenowich	Joseph Machuga	Robert Wylie	

Staff - Fr. Pat Connor Deacon Doug Farwell Peter Olausson

Excused- Andrea Ketchum

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair/Secretary Art Jones.

Opening Prayer - Fr. Pat offered the opening prayer

Agenda Approval - An agenda had been emailed to the council members. Motion by Bob Wylie, 2nd by Anna Bauer to approve the agenda. **PASSED**

Meeting Minutes Approval- The March 2019 meeting minutes had been emailed to the council members. Motion by Roger Parulski, 2nd by Joe Machuga to approve the minutes as amended. **PASSED.**

Pastor Remarks – Fr. Pat informed the council that Anna Lee Dewey, a long time member of the parish died May 4th. He asked the council to pray for the repose of her soul.

Easter – Fr. Pat recognized Deacon Doug for his organizing the Holy Week ceremonies and for his magnificent singing of the “Exulted.” The Easter Vigil held at St. Joseph’s Church. The church was about ¾ full (approximately 100 people). The Easter fire was lit outside the church. It was discovered that the Easter candles in the churches were out of date. Fr. improvised lighting them. New candles will be ordered.

Anna asked about a volunteer conducting a Good Friday service. Deacon Doug replied a priest has to be present for the service. An additional service could not be justified as the number of people who attended the Good Friday services did not come near filling the church.

Liturgical Committee - Deacon Doug mentioned the need to get a Liturgical Committee up and running to help with planning and organizing celebrations in the parish. It has been talked about for over a year. The purpose, goals, and timelines of for the committee need to be established and volunteers recruited to serve. A committee of 7 to 10 parishioners including lectors, music directors would plan celebrations arrange music for them. Fr. Pat has some parishioners who have expressed interest in doing this.

Business Manager

Finances - Peter reported that revenue has gone up but it still isn’t enough to cover operating expenses. The projected loss now is around \$29,000 for the year. A report will be available at the end of April that will include Easter giving the parish a current update on the financial health of the parish.

Mike Ryan, parish maintenance person is spending more time in Bath since their maintenance person has resigned thus shifting some more of his salary out of the parish.

The Parish Planning Committee will be discussing an annual giving campaign at its meeting on April 29th.

Website- The new website is up and running. Issues were found with pages within the old website that wouldn't forward to the new site. That has been fixed. Encourage people to use the new web address: www.simtparish.org. The adoration schedule will be added to the site along with more current Parish Council minutes. Planning Committee documents will also be added.

Tabernacles- Nothing to report. There will probably be no action taken on this until the parish financial situation stabilizes. It will be removed from future agendas.

Peter informed the council that Deacon Dave LaFortune in Bath will be retiring this summer.

Old Business

Planning Committee- The committee will meet April 29th. The Town Hall meeting on April 7th was attended by only 42 people however it was good representation from the 3 worship sites. Questions were answered regarding CMA, how we arrived at this crisis, how the mass schedule was determined and the delay in communicating the results of the Fall town hall meetings on the mass schedule. Follow up communications to the parishioners on this was dropped. Mass schedules will be discussed at the next planning committee meeting.

It was discussed that one of the concerns was that some felt unwelcome at some of the churches. People don't talk or acknowledge others, lack of greeters at the church. Fr Pat will start asking parishioner to turn and greet each other at the start of mass.

Polish Dinner at St. Stanislaus- Anna stated the information on the dinner was never published in the bulletin. \$1,400 was raised for the parish by this event. A large number of people had dinner at the church and they also had a large number of take out orders as well. The youth of the church helped with clearing tables, serving and keeping the desert table full. The council thanked the parishioners of St. Stanislaus for hosting an excellent meal and directing the proceeds from the event to the benefit of the parish.

Not publishing the dinner in the bulletin brought about a discussion to avoid such over sites in the future. Peter will investigate calendar software that could be accessed online. A person from each church could enter events on the calendar for that church and a copy of the calendar would be printed at the beginning of each month and put in the bulletin. Information could also be sent to the parish office and entered in the calendar there.

Motion by Anna, 2nd by Roger that a parish calendar showing events at each church in the parish as well as meetings within the parish be developed and published by the 1st of each month. The calendar will be available on the website and a copy of the calendar will be inserted in the bulletin for the first weekend masses of each month. PASSED

Emergency Planning – Fr. Pat has been in contact with Dale Hall who is working on having law enforcement do a walk through of each church. Fr. Pat also made available copies of the Dioceses Emergency Planning template for new council members. Art stated that parishioners know what is normal at their church and should report anything that doesn't feel or look right. "See something say something." He cited for example the recent attempted arson of St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. An usher saw a man carrying 2 cans of gas and a bottle of lighter fluid enter the church and he contacted authorities. We must remain vigilant.

New Business

CMA – Josh reported he received a mailing from the Dioceses for the CMA. The Parish has been working with the Dioceses to update mailing lists for the CMA and to have a more accurate list of parishioner in the parish.

Parish Themed Clothing - Anna asked about the T shirts and hoodies with the Parish logo. They are available through the parish office. It was suggested to put a flier in the bulletin with an order form as well as on the website to promote sales.

Council Term Limits - Council members term limits follow the parish's fiscal calendar July 1 to June 30. Members are allowed to serve 2 three year terms before having to go off the council for at least a year. Art will look into member's terms who will be expiring the end of June.

Deacon's Remarks

Adoration May 16th at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's church.

Closing Prayer - Deacon Doug offered the closing prayer.

Next Meeting - May 19, 2019 6 PM at St. Joseph's Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted
Arthur Jones
Council Chair/Secretary