

**Sts. Isidore & Maria Torribia Parish  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 2019**

**Present**

**Council**

Arthur Jones

Anna Bauer

Theresa White

Josh Apenowich

Joe Machuga

Roger Parluski

**Staff -**

Fr. Pat Connor

Peter Olausson

**Excused-**

Robert Wylie

Deacon Doug Farwell

The meeting was called to order at 6 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 Roger Parluski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anna Bauer to approve the agenda. PASSED

**Meeting Minutes Approval**- The June 2019 meeting minutes had been emailed to the council members. Motion by Joe Machuga, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Parluski to approve the minutes as amended. PASSED.

**Pastor Remarks** – Fr. Pat briefed the council on his retreat he completed the week of July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Alfonso Retreat Center in Long Branch, NJ.

Fr. Pat informed the council Deacon Doug had purchased copies of the book “Letter to a Suffering Church” by Bishop Robert Barron. The book is about the sex abuse scandal within the church. Deacon Doug is making the book available to all parishioners and is planning on starting a discussion group around the book and it’s examination of the sex abuse crisis.

**Business Manager**

**Finances** – There has been a strong response to the Parish Appeal, with 87% of the goal reached so far. Peter reported even if the goal is met the parish will still had operated at a loss for the past fiscal year. The books for the past year have not been closed yet for the exact amount has yet to be determined.

Next year’s budget is being constructed now. Currently there is a deficit of \$20,000 that has to be worked out. The Dioceses requires that the parish submit a balanced budget.

**Parish Facebook Page** – The page has been constructed and people are being invited to join now. The name is: Sts Isidore & Maria Torribia Parish. The parish calendar is going to be added to the Facebook page as well

**Parish Calendar** – The Parish calendar has been uploaded to the website. Joe Miller will be listing events for St. Stanislaus and Danielle Wilson will be listing events for St. Catherine’s. Peter is still looking for a parishioner from St. Joseph’s to list their events on the calendar.

Deacon Dave has retired from St. John Vianney Parish in Bath..

**Old Business**

**Planning Committee**- The committee meet July 31<sup>st</sup>. At that time the committee will be looking at the end of the year fiscal reports and recommending the next course of action. Due to the strong response to the parish appeal

the parish has some time to implement more long terms solutions. A Stewardship Campaign is being discussed to go along with the church greeters and other efforts to increase attendance and donations.

**Mass Schedule** – The change in the mass schedule is being communicated to parishioners. The only change is for the start time of the Saturday mass at St. Catherine's. Starting August 3<sup>rd</sup> the mass will start at 6 PM rather than 5:30 PM. This will give Fr. Pat and Deacon Doug time to travel from St. Joseph's to St. Catherine's.

**Parish Council Term Limits** - Fr. Pat has been talking with parishioners seeking volunteers to serve on the council. Mike Delgrosso who attends St. Joseph's and is a Eucharistic Minister there, has agreed to serve. The council asked Fr. Pat to pursue two additional parishioners for the council, one from St. Joseph's and one from St. Catherine's. A mix of two representatives from each church in the parish will be maintained, if possible.

**Council Officers** - Art discussed the need to elect council officers. Anna Bauer has agreed to continue as Vice Chair for the council. Art has been serving as Chair and Secretary for the council. He is willing to continue either as Chair or Secretary but has asked council members to consider filling one of the offices. Art stated this will be voted on at the next meeting of the council.

**Parish Picnic** – Deacon Doug informed the council the picnic will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Field in Campbell. Sign up sheets have been placed in the church for a head count of parishioners planning on attending. Also sign up sheets have been placed for parishioners to bring a dish to pass.

**Pulled Pork Dinner** – The dinner took place at St. Joseph's Church on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM to 7 PM. 76 people attended and over \$700 was earned by the event for the parish. Parishioners from the three churches in the parish attended the event and/or volunteered. Thank you to everyone who made the event possible and successful.

#### **Deacon's Remarks**

Deacon Doug was excused from the meeting.

**Faith Formation**- Art had talked with Karen Rinefierd from the Dioceses about questions that arose at the June council meeting regarding Faith Formation. The parish currently has 2 coordinators. They can supervise a teacher in a church in the parish other than their own. Volunteer teachers can provide instruction to the students under the supervision of a coordinator. Julie Lawson has agreed to teach faith formation at St Catherine's. Father Pat will be working on the details.

#### **New Business**

**Council Meeting Locations**- Anna Bauer suggested that the council consider rotating monthly meetings to each church in the parish. This would make the council more accessible to parishioners and allow council members to visit each church regularly. The pro/cons of this suggestion were discussed by council members. Motion by Joe Machuga, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anna Bauer to rotate meetings between the 3 churches following the ABC (Addison, Bradford, Campbell) acronym The rotation will be St. Catherine's in September, St. Stanislaus in October, and St. Joseph's in November. PASSED

**Closing Prayer** - Fr. Pat offered the closing prayer.

**Next Meeting** – September 22, 2019, 6 PM **St. Catherine's Hall.**

Due to Schedule conflicts there will not be an August meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Jones

Council Chair/Secretary