

St. Benedict Parish Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 @ 7:00 PM, Dougherty Hall

Present: Donna Mathis, Andy Yudichak, Chris Decker, Melanie Soberon, Bill DiBacco, Norah Nolan-Cramer, Father Stan, Dawn Burdick, Jean Mercendetti, Andrew Uttaro, Nancy Lynch, Deacon Claude, Brian Carl, Ann Marie Deutsch, Chris Neubecker, Paula Foster

Absent: Father Daniel, Caryl Favro

Donna Mathis opened the meeting with a prayer and question of the week followed by sharing.

Open Forum:

SMS Advisory Committee Presentation – Was not discussed at the meeting.

Parish Life Presentation – Was not discussed at the meeting.

Father Stan mentioned that Valerie Haynes is moving on from her role as Parish Life Coordinator. She will continue in her role until a replacement is found. Role of Parish Life is possibly being redesigned to go with Jessica's role.

Executive session:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the November 2016 meeting were unanimously accepted and approved without changes.

Agenda as presented by Jean was accepted without changes.

Old Business:

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update: 96% of goal pledged (\$144,000). This is \$6,000 short.

Capital Campaign Update: Still at \$1,600,000 pledged. Some small pledges continue to come in. No indication that existing pledges will not be honored.

Family Promise update: Kathleen Wagner from Family Promise of Ontario County and Sue Owens from Assumption Parish in Fairport attended the meeting to inform the council about their experience with Family promise and answer any questions.

- The program at Assumption operates under the name Rochester Area Interface Hospitality Network (RAIHN).
- There are 200 affiliates across the country at the present time.
- 13 host faith congregations are part of the network that Assumption participates in. 32 total congregations (rest are support congregations.) Sue is a coordinator
- Biggest challenge – how to get enough volunteers to support the effort.
- Logistical challenges – where to sleep, how to keep them private.
- Communicated to the parish via a film provided by IHN shown at mass. Solicited help through the bulletin.

- RAIHN provides level 1 – understanding people of risk (poverty, being culturally conscious) and level 2 training (poverty in our society and how government may or may not support that). RAIHN has a staff (director, coordinator of volunteer services, after care social worker) that works at the day center.
- Ontario county family promise will have a full time paid director who is responsible for assessing the family, putting together each family's case plan, resolving any issues that arise when notified by the parish coordinator.
- Ontario county program will be their own affiliate. 501C3 Paperwork in process to make this happen. Anticipate 501C3 will be received by mid February (90 day notification) or mid May (180 day notification). This will allow them to be part of the national program and draw on the support that would provide. Also will allow them to be part of United Way.
- In order to move forward they need 50% of budget, 9 host congregations committed. Estimate being able to start in late 2017/early 2018.
- Host congregation is asked to provide house of worship for 4 weeks/year. Provide food or \$200 for food. No financial commitment is required but each host congregation will be asked to donate funds. This is categorized under social ministry at assumption for budget purposes.
- Plan is that Ontario county family promise will have their own beds which will move from congregation to congregation weekly. They will ask each congregation to donate bed linens.
- Fundraisers happen (shop till you drop, etc.)
- Ontario County Family Promise have several teams of people in place (transportation team looking for a bus), grant team, fundraising team, congregation team, etc.
- 9 congregations have signed on and committed to being a host congregation.
- 5 congregations have signed on verbally to be support parishes. Jeanne and Carlene have already agreed to be the coordinators if St. Benedict's agrees to sign on. A number of other parishioners at St. Benedict's have also agreed to be part of the Family Promise Core Team.

Once Kathleen and Sue had left, the Parish Council discussed impressions of presentation and provided feedback for discussion. Amongst this discussion the following comments were brought up:

Jean- according to Tony, insurance of parish would cover the families staying here.

Dawn – reiterated all people need to have CASE (Creating a Safe Environment) training, people over 18 need background checks which would cost \$20.

Vote was taken by the parish council. 7 voted yes, 3 voted no and 1 abstained to be a host parish.

Note: It was brought to Jean's attention after the meeting that she improperly concluded the discussion on the Family Promise proposal. We had a simple majority favoring the proposal, which I thought was adequate.

There were 11 council members present and eligible to vote. We had 7 members in favor of St. Benedict's participating as a host parish; 3 were against the proposal; there was 1

abstention. 2/3 of the council would equate to 7.26 members, which would round up to 8 members, if we are looking for a 2/3 majority.

In our constitution, it states that "All matters, except as noted in the constitution, shall be decided by a consensus of **all participants**. All items which require a two-thirds minimum vote, as designated by this constitution, are exceptions to the consensus style of meeting.

In these instances, Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed." However, she found nothing in our constitution that specifies which items need a 2/3 vote.

In the interest of following the guidelines of our constitution, we will revisit this proposal at our February 28 meeting with a consensus style approval/disapproval. The acting chairperson, Bill DiBacco, will ask each member in attendance for his/her opinion on the proposal. A consensus vote is a way to reach agreement with all members of our group.

Pastor's Comments

1. Admin assistant part time (14-15 hours) opening to work on bulletin and calendar.
2. St. Bridget's maintenance part time opening. Have interviewed three people but none are candidates.

Current Business:

None discussed

Committee Reports

Jean had provided an update on the committee reports to the PC ahead of the meeting. There were no questions/comments/discussion.

Closing Prayer – Chris Neubecker offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Carl