**Saint Anne and Saint Jude Parish Pastoral Council**

**Minutes of the Council Meeting May 15, 2018 @ 7:00pm**

**Members Present:**

Fr. Giovannie Nunez- Parish Administrator, Father Ted, Valerie Williams, Andrew Williams, David Marcella, Jan Neuner, Dr. Mark Crabbe, Chris Hilditch, Paul Dunlap and Dee Reiter.

**Members Absent:**

Harvin Bullock and Joey Duggan

Fr. Gio opened the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer.

The minutes from the April 2018 meeting were reviewed and discussed. There is one correction to the minutes for April. The statement for payment of lawn maintenance should state parish and not parishioners.

**Committee Reports:**

**Building and Grounds Committee:**

There is still a need for volunteers for the grounds and maintenance.

An announcement was made at the Spanish Mass asking for volunteers to help spread chips on May 19, 2018.

**Old Business:**

**Stewardship Committee:**

* **T**he first meeting was to be held on May 13, 2018 but was cancelled due to Mother’s Day. The meeting is now scheduled for June 20, 2018. Chris Hilditch has had one person, Cindy Tavarez, contact him about being on the committee.
* Need to get in touch with Nicki about emailing an invitation to all of the organizations and ministries to have a representative for the Stewardship Committee.

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**Faith Formation:**

* First Communion is this Saturday, May 19, 2018. RCIA, CCD and Confirmation are completed for the 2017-2018 year.
* SASJRCC is the first parish in the State to have a RCIA for the Spanish speaking community. The Spanish community does not feel as isolated in the parish. They are showing up for more events and are becoming more active in the parish. (It is the first time for the St. Anne and St. Jude to have Spanish RCIA not the first time in South Carolina.)

**521 Committee:**

**There are three areas regarding the 521 building project:**

* The Committee met with Montgomery Architects on May 8, 2018 in the Parish Hall and a formal presentation was given to the committee. The Committee is meeting on May 22, 2018 to discuss whether to move forward with Montgomery Architects or interview additional architect firms. Once the decision of the architect is completed and hired, then the schematics and colored drawings will be completed. Once the schematics are completed, the next step will be a town hall meeting, and submission to BRAC. The next phase after the BRAC approval will be design development. It was noted that this would be at least a year-long process with the architect and design. A Utilization of Assets document has been completed and was given to the Parish Council representatives.
* A meeting was held with Meg O’Halloran on May 10, 2018 in regards to fundraising. The 521 Building Project Fundraising Campaign can be held in conjunction with the Bicentennial Campaign. The Bicentennial Campaign is a 5 year campaign. The parish goal is approximately $620,000 but if the parish has a fundraising building campaign at the same time, $310,000 will go to the Diocese and anything over that amount can go to the building fund. This can happen as early as January 2019 but it will rely on where the building committee is at in their plans with the architect. One of the benefits of combining with the Bicentennial Campaign is they handle all of the fundraising etc. There will also be a study completed about fundraising for the new church but Meg doesn’t seem to think it will be difficult to raise an addition $2,000,000.
* The third area is public relations. The sign is up at the 521 site. The website continues to be updated biweekly. Information is also on the Parish App and the weekly bulletin. A suggestion was made to have the parish picnic at the 521 site. There hasn’t been a lot of questions asked by parish members at this time in regards to the building of the new church. Fr. Ted suggested a FAQ’s page be added to the website to eliminate the same questions being asked repeatedly.

**Parish Pastoral Plan:**

* This can be a project for the Stewardship Committee to help complete.
* An Idea is to incorporating the 521 Building into the Pastoral Plan as part of the vision for the next 5 years .Fr. Gio will work on a mission and vision statement for the parish.
* Jan would like for there to be something including evangelization.
* Fr. Ted mentioned that we are on a journey of unity and coming together as one parish and it is important to keep this fire of unity burning. Our parish is uniting in building communities and a structure.

**Training:**

* Usher training is being held on May 18, 2018 at 6:00pm.
* The Music Ministry training was set for the May 21st but it needs to be changed to the May 23rd. Music ministry is an important part of the Mass and there needs to be uniformity in the music. Currently the musician(s) who plays at the Masses are paid which is a major expense. There was discussion regarding the need to have a person (possibly paid) to lead the music ministry and oversee the program.

**Christian Charities:**

* A copy of the lease was provided to the Parish Council and they were urged to read the lease agreement.
* The lease states the Christian Charities organization is responsible for maintenance of the building.

**Finance Committee:**

* Three new members have been added to the Finance Committee: Jack O’Neill, Pete Lawrence, and Mitch Williams. There is now seven members on the committee. They are aware that there is a major fundraising project coming in the future.
* Finances are currently in the red. Consistently, there is more money coming in the first of the month but it lessens throughout the rest of the month.
* With all of the offices at one location, it is hopeful that the overhead costs of utilities will drop. David Marcella has been instrumental in taking care of the maintenance and facilities. There has been no emergency repairs so far this year. With all of these factors, it is hopeful that the finances will be in good shape for the next fiscal year.

**Catholic Schools:**

* The Bishop has given approval for St. Anne’s and St Jude Catholic School and St. Francis Xavier High School to combine as one K-12 school. Begin with the next school year it will be the St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School K-12
* There are 10 members on the advisory board. There will be discussion on the surveys, school finances and school enrollment. The goal is to stabilize finances, increase enrollment, and create a culture where people want to send their children to a Catholic school.
* The old convent at the St. Anne’s site will be renovated to prepare for the high school students. There is money from St. Francis Xavier to cover the costs of renovations. The property on School Street will be put up for sale.

**Margaret J Lafoon Trust Fund/ College Scholarship:**

* Four applicants were interviewed for the scholarship. The scholarship is $3000.00 apiece. It is hopeful through word of mouth that the number of applicants will increase.

**Announcements:**

* The Eucharist Miracles Exhibit will begin on May 25, 2018 and conclude on June 4, 2018 and will be located at the St. Jude site in the Parish Hall.
* There will adoration XLT with the youth group on June 3, 2018. Everyone is welcome.
* There will be a Novena to St. Frances Caracciolo. His feast day will be celebrated on June 4, 2018.
* Deacon Rufino’s ordination will be on June 22, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Goose Creek. There is a bus with 48 seats for those who would like to attend. The cost is $18.00. Also, there is a sign up for those attending the reception that follows.
* Keep in mind a possible volunteer banquet to recognize volunteers. This may possibly increase volunteerism in the parish. This can possible be a project for the Stewardship Committee.
* Before Fr. Ted left, everyone let him know that the parish is very pleased with having the Adorno Fathers and Fr. Gio at our parish.

**New Business:**

* A decision needs to be made about the Mass schedule. 5:00pm Sunday Mass at the St. Jude site is not well attended. Also, there is a need to adjust the 12:00pm Mass at both sites but the dilemma is CCD from 10:30am – 11:30am.
* Moving CCD to Wednesday may leave more room for the Mass schedule to be adjusted. However, moving CCD to Wednesday may be a problem because so many children are involved in other activities. There has been an increase in attendance with CCD this past year so making a change may not be the best idea. The Spanish community is more actively participate in CCD and Confirmation on Sunday. Moving to Wednesday may be hard for them to come on Sunday and Wednesday it may also limit the number of CCD teachers. Having CCD on Wednesday gives more time back to the family on Sundays. Also it needs to be stressed that Mass is attended by children and their parents.
* There is a need to keep the Spanish Mass at St. Jude at 12:00pm. The Spanish Mass time is the one that always seems to get changed. It is important to keep the Mass time consistent since there has been an increase in this Mass attendance and CCD.
* There was discussion about moving the 12:00pm English Mass at St. Anne site. One of the suggestions is to keep the 5:00pm Mass and eliminate the 12:00pm Mass but the 12:00pm Mass is well attended. There was also discussion to move it to 10:30am. It was suggested to make the changes to the Sunday Masses first, then make the changes to CCD.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on June 19, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Fr. Gio closed the meeting with the Hail Mary.