**May 9,2019 AD ST. HELEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Fr. Jay, Jeff Cicchella, Kelly Reed, Ron Thompson, Deb Finomore, Francine Dome, Suzanne Finnerty, Luke Reed, Dennis Blatnik, Bob Mcilroy, Chris Evans. Nathan Frania

**Excused:** Clare O’Brien, Francine Dome, Linda Koeth

**Also in attendance:** Pat Gannon

**Fr. Jay opened with a prayer.**

**Bishop’s Letter on Posture All**

Many of the council members spoke with parishioners who were objecting to the directive from the Bishop. Many cited the footnote which they interpret allows them to knee or stand after receiving communion. The letter from the bishop states everyone supposed to stand after priest receive communion until the last person receives communion. At that point the individual many decide to sit or knee.

Obedience is what we need to do when comes to the church- Fr. cited St. Padre Pio regarding obedience- choosing to be obedient even when it is tough for us. What we need to be is be unified, so the whole church is praying together when all have received communion. United to God and united to one another when we receive communion, which is how we are unified together.

Need to have clear communication of what to help inspire unity; as a result, it was decided that a question and answer would help move towards the unification process so parishioners have the opportunity to ask questions and Fr. Jay can give explanation.

**Action Item**: Meeting then will take place May 19th in between masses; at 10am

**Roles and Responsibilities Debra**

What are our roles as parish council, getting the feedback? This past week was a great example of people reaching out to us; should we also not be reaching out and speaking with the ministries and getting feedback. Deb feels we need to organize this to be able to let them know we are here to help.

**Action Item:** get list of ministries, the look at stopping at them divide up next month; possible discussion regarding a ministry fair; to celebrate the life of the Holy Spirit at work in our church

**Status Update (Speed Round)**

**Summer Mass Schedule Fr. Jay**

Changing starting Memorial Day- only taking away the 5pm mass on Sun.

**Secretary and Accountant Fr. Jay**

Bree Steigerwald a parishioner will be the new parish secretary. Susan Kuchenbecker who is a parishioner and part of the finance council will be parish accountant parishioner. Deacon Will be retiring so will need to look for a Sacramental Minister; Fr. Jay would like to fill with a Deacon. It is not urgent to find a replacement however; Fr. Jay would like to to fill the position by the end of the summer. The position will be a full time. Fr. Jay is looking for Deacon close to retirement.

**Display of Oils Suzanne**

A variety of possibilities for the display. It was voted to have a for the display to be very simple with glass. Luke would need to size of the vessels; then have 2 shelves, with LED battery lights.

**Action Item:** Luke will measure and create the display; will need to decide where to place in the church

**Server Training Ron**

No updates now; Fr. will do something for this year then look at for next year

**PC Photo Ron**

Finished and ready to go; where to send, then will send to everyone to pick a picture to display.

**Action Item:** Ron will send out proofs

**Welcome Committee ???**

Kay Rado has been doing this; Fr. will follow up give the names to Kay when register; then connecting the new parishioners with someone in the parish.

**Ministry Tables Debra**

Have been up and working; seems to be working; There has been great feedback and it is helping get exposure to happenings in the parish.

**Adoration Jeff**

Talked with Ken; does not have time to install the old tabernacle because they are doing the bathrooms; There will then need a piece of cloth over the hole, but will need to put a hole in the wooden one; Luke will talk with Ken about putting it up. It was decided can not do a pin code due the type of door; We will need to just go with keys and just need to call the office to be able to open it. Jeff took names from council who would like to have keys.

**Succession Planning Jeff**

No need to plan for succession; since Clare and Kelly staying; Chris will leave in August

**Soccer Shed Jeff**

Moving forward with purchasing; met with Ken and met requirements; will be in the corner on grounds to keep from temptation to being broken into; will be purchasing a mobile shed ;

**Action Item:** Fr will talk to facilities about the shelter by the soccer fields

**Mirror and Railing Luke**

Mirror is in servers’ vestibule; Railing for the chapel is measured, will need to look at code for return on the railing. The rail will be custom on the length of stairs from the church to the stairs along the wall.

**Action Item**: Luke will follow up and get installed

**Looking for help in heading up the Parish Picnic**

Need to have someone to head up the picnic; The possibilities for a location would be Cana winery or Weigand’s Lake; Responsibilities would include making sure the tickets are sold gathering all the money for tickets; collect things for the auction; running the auctions checking people in and other items needed with the activities at the picnic.

Voted: council will head up and run the picnic. Date would near the end of July; need to not be at the same time as the FEST; Talked with Walter via conference call he suggested at this time it may be best go to Weigand’s. He would be willing to negotiate the prices; Fr. Jay said the parish could pay $5,000 towards the price.

**Action item:** Walter will call Weigand’s Lake and then follow up for further planning. Will need to have additional meetings to plan since a short time frame.

**Closing Prayer Fr. Jay**