

## Parish Council Minutes – Meeting held on September 25 , 2018

Members present: Dave Baker, John Bridges, Patti Dobiecki, Darci Duncan, Jen McDowell, David Montano, Dave Obenauf, John Olberding, Father Chris Orndorff, and Janet Reff

Opening prayer: John Bridges (substitute for Terry Lingrel)

Agenda Items:

1. **Safety & Security** - John Olberding attended the Safety & Security meeting and reported the following to the council:
  - \*No Trespassing Signs were approved by the Knights of Columbus who are paying for the signs. A purchase order is being done.
  - \*Plans are being made for ICSAVE training either Oct. 28 or Nov. 4. Ushers will be encouraged to attend and it will be open to others interested.
  - \*There will be an order made for 3-4 First Aid kits that are appropriate for our setting.
  - \*Car Show security will be the responsibility of the Knights of Columbus.
  - \*The Emergency Response Plan has been corrected and sent back to the Diocese for final approval.
  
2. **Ministry Communication** – tabled until such time as a report comes back from Rose Britt.
  
3. **Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting**– Dave Obenauf and David Montano shared their experience at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at St Frances Cabrini. One of the main topics at that meeting was Vocations. The lack of priests and those choosing to go into the seminary was highlighted. 15 priests have left the diocese with the goal of recruiting 10 – 15 per year. Last year there were only 2 priests ordained and only one seminarian. Discussion was held about the changing world, importance of family values, and keeping young people involved in the church and community. This is seen as a very difficult problem with no easy solutions. The remainder of the day was the Bishop giving his response to the recent church crisis and discussion of that topic.

4. **Crisis in the Catholic Church** – Father Chris related that at the meeting of the Priests with the Bishop, it was agreed that because our diocese has had no issues over the last 20 -30 years, that it may be best not to hold town hall discussions and have Priests give responses to the crisis at Masses. At this point it may just stir up more tension and anxiety where there is no need to do so.

**Suggestion Box Items:**

There was one suggestion regarding placing eulogies on the Web page. Discussion was held and it was agreed that perhaps this information could be too personal to be made public on the Web. Janet will give a response to the Liturgical Committee.

**Open Comments**

John O reported that there are 9 families attending the Financial Peace University class.

**Agenda Items for the September meeting:**

**Please give me any items you would like to discuss for the October agenda!**

1. Look ahead at calendar for changing the regular meeting day for the council in December since it will fall on Christmas Day.

**Next meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 5:00 PM in the Community Center**

**Next in line for opening prayer: Jen McDowell**