

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Council Meeting

April 24, 2017

Members present: Father Gallas, Tom Hudinsky, Don Felix, Denise Haechrel, Susan Wieneke, Roger Litchy, Ann Novotny, Lil Wawra and Elaine Kramer. Member absent: Judy Bermel

Opening prayer by Father Gallas at 7:05pm.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Elaine.

Following the agenda:

1. We read and prayed over next Sunday's gospel, utilizing Lectio Divina.
2. Parish council purpose per Father Gallas: a) evangelization b) a sounding board for parishioners to Father c) advisor to Father
3. Parish council nominations timeline as follows:
 - Apr 29/30 Bulletin announcement of upcoming nominee period
 - May 6/7 Bulletin announcement, Mass announcement and first week to collect nominations
 - May 13/14 Mass announcement and collect nominations, nominations close
 - If more than 2 nominees – proceed with election
 - May 15-22 council contacts nominees with nominee decision needed by May 22
 - May 22-26 nominees create and submit bios
 - May 30-June 2 Sherry creates bio page insert for bulletin
 - June 3/4 bio insert in bulletin
 - June 10/11 Election
4. Website has been enhanced. Sherry Elsen has done a great job improving it. If any event/group is missing, contact Sherry.
5. Welcome packet is being worked on. We discussed welcoming new parishioners and our activities for teenage members.
6. There are seven women participating in the Familia group and they are enjoying it. They will start again in the fall. We will focus on starting additional small groups for other ages or interests. Father will start a young men's group and is willing to train anyone to facilitate a group.
7. A couple in the parish has accepted Father's invitation to be vice chairs for the festival. Thank you!

Our next meeting is June 12, 2017. It is moved from June 26th because Father is gone on the 19th and the 26th is too close to the Fourth of July. This will be the last meeting for Ann and Denise, and the new council members will be invited to observe.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Father Gallas at 8:25pm.

Submitted by Elaine Kramer