

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Council Meeting

Feb. 27, 2017

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

Opening prayer by Father Gallas at 7pm.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Elaine.

Following the agenda:

1. Discussed Lectio Divina. Father translated it to "divine reading". We read and prayed over next Sunday's gospel.
2. Fish fry update – there is not enough time to organize one for this year. We don't have a way to fry, but could bake the fish. Don did some research with St. Anne and Mary Queen of Peace and will continue to collect information and helpful hints.
3. How to welcome church shoppers and visitors. Father said we get 6 – 12 new families each year. We could make a booklet like St. Anne's highlighting events for families, marriage, men, women, teens, children, etc. We need a graphic artist to put one together for us, perhaps hire one. Ann's son may be interested and Denise mentioned Rachel Price as another option. We need the graphics, a list of events and groups that should be included in the brochure. We will start with the parish calendar. Susan was approached to invite people from Maple Hills Estates. She is looking for people to knock on doors with her, possibly bi-lingual.
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 - a. Ann started a script for calling parishioners. We'll put this on hold till our website is up to date
 - b. Bulletin board space is very tight. Could we have a rack on the extra confessional door? Discussed other organizing options.
5. Skipped agenda items 5,6,and 7
8. We really need a vice chair for the festival. We need to personally approach and invite a couple. Father was wondering if some of the responsibilities could be passed to Brook. Father nominated a couple and will ask them.
9. Father clarified the parish council. They could run evangelization events and plan them. He gets emails, etc., for events that could be passed on to the council for consideration. Possibly have a joint parish council with Saints Peter and Paul. Roger brought up that our brochure would be for St. Thomas and Saints Peter and Paul.

Our next meeting is April 24, 2017. We'll need the nominations for parish council by then. That will be done with emails or phone calls. Ann will work with Brook on logistics.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Father Gallas at 8:30pm.

Submitted by Elaine Kramer