

Parish Council Agenda – February 2025

In attendance – Father Bob, Christopher, Barbara, Mike, Charlie, Julie, Jessica, Keith, Mary, and Jen

Ø Open with prayer – Father Bob

Ø Introduce guests - Joe Varkoly presented SWOT project for St. Gabriel teams.

Ø Pick up on our review of Entrust Chapter 4 – Tabled until next session

Ø Review of Staff meeting notes.

Questions on guidelines for distribution/reception of Holy Communion to be revisited when further discussion by staff is completed. Keith offered 2 USB table microphones to donate for Deacon's podcast project. Pleased punch cards will return for kids participation of Fish Fries. Questions on additional access to security cameras to be discussed with Lori and answered by our next meeting.

Ø Finance Council Requests:

o Funds will be available to provide a trip to Champion.

§ Need to confirm a date-

Some time this fall with a chartered bus

§ Need to appoint someone to organize this trip

To be determined

o Funding will also be made available to provide another date night.

Previously organized by April and Jen – date to be determined

o Council has denied Polo shirts for ushers.

Size and last minute substitutes is the issue. Ushers wear lanyard to identify.

Ø Do we want have a March meeting?

No March meeting, next date is April 22nd, Charlie notified Lori

Ø Committee Liaison open positions – Would anyone like to volunteer for these open positions.

Sheet needs to be updated, Charlie will revise with the help of Sarah. Charlie liaison for Human Concerns (Christian Service/Living Justice), Jen liaison for Evangelization, Julie liaison for Finance, Father for SMCS Board. In addition ask Ryan Valentine to attend meetings several times a year for a report.

Ø Committee Reports.

SMCS Board – Father reported high school very pleased to announce the new hire of Tod Block as Tech Coach and also oversee/teach Theology. There has been an upgrade to Strategic plans. Taking a step back and regrouping on changing the uniform policy for all schools. Standard testing results help to target where schools are weak and strong and take necessary actions to correct/improve.

Ø Open discussion.

- o Next meeting we will start our SWOT discussion.

Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats – strategic plan for our parish. Help to determine who are we, what are we, what are we going to be and how are we going to get there. Team should consist of 3 people each from Finance Council, Parish Council, Parish Staff, Father and facilitator (Joe V). Members should be prepared for meeting. This should be accomplished with 3-4 meeting. Purpose is to establish goals and objectives. Once this is completed SWOT should be added to meeting agendas so we continue to follow through with the plan and meet our objectives.

- o Do we want to start having annual parish “Pilgrimage” trips to holy sights of interest?

Yes. Possible locations – Holy Hill Milwaukee, St. Francis Xavier Green Bay, Our Lady of Guadalupe La Crosse Shrine, National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, New Franken. To be determined. Definite interest in taking trips to other states or countries in the future.

- o Madeline Group for young women. Encourages vocations for women 14-35.

We ran out of time to discuss this issue.

Ø Close with prayer – Father Bob