

St. Christopher and St. Patrick Church

Parish Council Meeting - Minutes for 9/15/2016

Attendees:		
Bob Hemsing (President)	Frank Streng (Secretary)	Rev. George Oonnoony (Pastor)
Dan Keon (Finance Director)	Rev. Matthew Cherian	Luis Posato
Lisa Quist	Jane Reichard	Mary Chopyack
Rosa Sanmartin		

1. **Minutes of Prior Meeting of 7/14/16.** Minutes approved from our meeting of July 14, 2016.
2. **New Church Name and Other Details.** Roman Catholic Church of St. Christopher and St. Patrick. Father George provides a report. New name, new tax id. Father George discusses consolidation of all assets and liabilities. All this happens as of 9/1/2016. Dan Keon reports that, in the future, there will be one financial report for both parishes. We had a discussion as to different issues, including boy scout sponsorship, name issues. The short name of the church, St. Christopher and St. Patrick Church, will be on new signs and our web site. In addition, on 12/10/16, we shall have a mass for our new church, celebrated by Cardinal Dolan, with details to be worked out by the parish council. The mass will take place in Buchanan at 4 pm, and we will have a reception in the parish hall. We will ask the Cardinal to do a bi-lingual mass. Lisa Quist suggested a sign up sheet for CCD parents to help, with CCD students helping as well. Dan Keon also discussed soliciting others to volunteer.
3. **International Multicultural Festival.** Rosa Sanmartin discussed various issues for planning for the multicultural festival on 9/25/16, including (a) 50/50 raffle; (b) assistance from CCD families; (c) food contributions and food tables; and the (d) hot dog truck. We also discussed assignments for selling 50/50 raffles. For Buchanan, the Strengs will do this Sunday's 8:45 mass; and Lisa Quist will do this Sunday's 11:30 mass. Mary Jane Everett will do the 10:15 mass in Verplanck, and Mary Jane has done numerous other masses. For charges for the festival, each table will have a box for donations. The event begins at 12:30 and ends at 4 pm. Lisa will make efforts to get CCD parents to do clean up and putting tables, etc. back in the parish hall.
4. **Committee Reports.**

- a. Web Site. Frank Streng gave a detailed report on the web site. We also had a wide-ranging discussions on the use of Parish Pay. Frank also discussed the use of the church's new name on the web site. Rosa explained how you can use a credit card payment through Parish Pay, and we discussed .
- b. Communications. Frank Streng gave a follow up report on efforts, through the Logos system, to develop a comprehensive database for our parishioners, including email addresses. Frank discussed the efforts, to date, of the use of our form obtain contact information, including email addresses, from all of our parishioners. We will now repeat the process of both lectors, in the announcements, and the bulletins, to encourage parishioners to fill in forms.
- c. Religious Education & Youth Ministry. Lisa Quist reports that we have 210 enrolled kids. We are down, a bit, from last year (265). Enrollees will likely increase, and we likely will get up to about 230ish. The official kickoff is this coming Sunday, but already had the first two classes. The parish hall basement. Required events for 7th graders: (a) International Multicultural (9/25); (b) Wired meetings; and (c) Trunk & Treat event, 10/30. Calendar for CCD hung up everywhere.
- d. Liturgy. President Hemsing suggested we do a new installation for ministers and lectors. Bob believes that we need a couple more ministers and lectors. We will make the request through the bulletin. For the ministers that go to the VA Hospital,
- e. Fundraising Committee.
 - i. Golf Outing. Dan Keon gave us a report on the golf outing on 9/18. We have 50 golfers and 49 sponsors, including gifts certificates. We hope to realize a net amount of about \$15,000. We also discussed trying to get gift certificates as a use of fundraiser.
 - ii. Pole Lights. President Hemsing reports that, as part of his efforts, all 6 of the pole lights are on. He hopes to expand the lights and fundraising for the lights.

- iii. Work at Rectory. Presiding Hemsing gave a report as to the work to be done on the work on the rectory. The Spanish community has donated its labor; and Bob is trying to get donations for labor and materials: Jim Surak, the plumber, has already donated his time. Lisa Quist talked about the idea of doing some bigger capital campaign,
- iv. Ad Hoc Committee. Frank Streng gave a report on the ad hoc committee that will endeavor to expand our weekly collections. Brian Murphy has also joined the committee, and we shall shortly proceed with our work, with the objective of moving forward with a program that begins in September.

f. Finance Committee.

- i. Dan Keon's Reports. Dan Keon does not have a financial statement. St. Christopher will have about \$8,000 in excess revenue for the year ending 8/31/16. St. Patrick's will have about \$5,000 in excess revenue for the year ending 8/31/16. Dan will have a fuller report for the next meeting.
- g. Facilities Committee. Lisa Quist talked about different issues, including (a) blinds in annex for privacy (Lisa will order); (b) peeling in annex of paint; and (c) problems in Verizon service and our network. We discussed different issues, including the wifi service.

5. New Business.

- a. Traffic. Father Matt reports a high walking and car traffic in Buchanan because of CCD classes, and that we need to be sensitive to the fact and perhaps to encourage traffic to the best.
6. Adjournment. We adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm. Our next meeting shall be on Thursday, October 20th, at 7:30 pm.

Submitted,

Frank Streng, Secretary