

Minutes of the Parish Council

23 January 2019

Attendees: All attendees were present.

'Greg Carpenter'; 'David Tokarz'; 'Judy Pukac'; 'Mary Marks'; 'Chet Marecki'; 'Bill Gunkel'; 'Nina O'Hara'; 'Vicki Wakefield' and John Broderick

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and Judy led the opening prayer.
2. The previous minutes were approved by Bill and seconded by Chet.
3. Financials (Judy)
 - a. The discussion continued from the November meeting regarding the balance sheet and capital reserve. Succinctly, the capital reserve has been moved to the Regions Account for accounting purposes and showing a zero balance. The reserve will be rebuilt over time as excess funding becomes available (as in the past).
 - b. Overall 2018 was a good year and reflected a positive position. In summary:

| | Total Income | Total Expenses |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total Budget Forcasted | \$668,667 | \$576,541 |
| Total Actuals for the Year | \$667,698 (+1.4%) | \$568,316 (-1.4%) |

- c. It was noted that rentals were below expectations.
4. On-Line giving (Judy)

On a positive financial note, the on-line continues to do well. To date over \$13K has been given thru the website, representing over 32 contributors. January has started out well with 28 donors and over \$3K of donations. Fees are averaging about \$150 or under 3%.
5. Stewardship drive Update (Judy)
 - a. The Stewardship drive is also off to a positive start with a significant increase in additional pledges. Over 225 people donated \$120.5K against over 330 people pledging \$124.9K as of the end of December. While the drive was about \$4K below the pledge and goal, this represents a 93% success rate which is excellent.
 - b. The 2019 goal will remain the same as 2018. There have been 40 pledges for \$25K so far. The Council is concerned that this goal may be aggressive this year due to changing demographics.
 - c. A discussion was held about possible stewardship conference attendance. The Council recommended that that cost was high and it was agreed to consider it next year. Father asked the Council to identify what changes may be needed for the stewardship program in the future to also assess the benefits of a future conference. Discussion centered around how is the parish generous (time & talent/fundraising) and how can we measure this.

6. Covered Walkway (Father)

Significant discussion revolved around possible alternatives to the proposed Cummings Engineering design that was not considered affordable given the depletion of the capital reserve and future potential Diocese capital fundraising assessments. The Council consensus was to re-evaluate the project as opportunities to pay for less expensive alternatives became possible.

7. There was no other business.

8. The next meeting will be Thursday, 21 February at 6:30 PM.

9. The closing prayer was led by Nina and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.