

Parish Council met at 6:32pm in the gathering space. In attendance was Blaise Beaulier, Ed Reesman, Bob Gariepy, John Golembiewski of St. Clare's, Kate Johnson, Pam Crafton, Michelle Glembin, Woody Richey, Mary Bose, Tim Dewane, Randy Briggs and Father Ed Tlucek.

The June minutes were accepted and approved after three corrections were made.

Bob Gariepy who is the Chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds Committee presented Council members with a handout regarding a proposed remodeling project for the school. Before the project can be approved, forms will need to be submitted to the Archdiocese. The parish will need to fund 50% of the project. They're in the process of receiving bids from two design contractors. The Council approves movement of this project.

Father Ed reported that he spends 65% of his time at St. Thomas. He reported that he is still finding his way. He asked that the Council be his ears amongst the people. The Council and Kate reassured him that we are here to support him.

Strategic Planning reviewed goal ownership. Blaise reported on behalf of Finance and reported that they accept their goals. Faith Formation is working on a day to meet. Father reported that he is working with Maria regarding having a Prayer and Worship Committee. Father Ed feels that the entire parish needs to be informed regarding the strategic plan. Emily Gilyani on Stewardship created a rough draft of a parish ministry guide.

There was discussion regarding what Human Concerns could do locally, nationally and worldwide in terms of outreach.

Michelle discussed the St. Thomas' Food Pantry's need for funds. The Knights of Columbus are going to contribute \$500 to the pantry and Parish Council is contributing \$1,000.

There was discussion regarding having the Finance Committee report their budget in the bulletin. This would be a way to be transparent in light of the school's evolving needs.

Kate reported that there was a press release announcing Father Ed as the new pastor. There has been much updating to social media regarding the happenings at the church and school. A Now Enrolling Advertisement Campaign was released on July 17th. There was also press releases regarding the new teachers. Brochures, school packets and the website are all being prepared by Kate.

Pam reported on behalf of Collaboration that St. Thomas and St. Clare's will be celebrating a joint mass at 10:00am on August 12, 2018 at St. Clare's. There were suggestions that it should appear with details in the bulletin.

Tim reported on behalf of Faith Formation. Summer Vacation Bible School took place at St. Clare's. This is our tenth year of mission trips. This year in addition to Youth Works, another Catholic organization was used. The heads of REP expressed that fund raising has been difficult.

Blaise reported that we should know the final numbers on the Country Fair this week.

Carol Ewald will take pictures of Parish Council members at the next meeting. Michelle handed out badges that she asked Parish Council members to wear in church to make them more visible to fellow parishioners.

The next Parish Council Meeting is set for August 14, 2018 at 6:30pm in the gathering space. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.