

SEPTEMBER 2017 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Accepted and Approved 10/19/2017

Members Present: Father Frank, Keith McGuinness, Lawton Blandford, Colleen Sutton, Clare Charzewski, Michelle Curnow, John Fout, Jerry Gardner, Matt Gibbons, Scott Phillips, Juan Saiz, Ellen Wentz

Members Absent: Scott Spanbauer

Opening Prayer: John Fout

1. **Presentation/Review of Secretary's minutes for June 2017 meeting – Colleen Sutton**

June PPC minutes were reviewed, corrections were made, and the minutes were then approved and accepted by the council members present.

2. **Budget & Capital Campaign Review – Charlie Boyd**

The council members received a hard copy of the Operating & Capital Report from Charlie Boyd. Highlights include:

- a. Our offertory increased by 6.9%
- b. Number of registered families increased by 5.2%
- c. Expenses for the 16-17 FY were at 91.4% of the projected annual budget.
- d. DSA Campaign improved during 2016 (However, we were still \$1,598 below our goal)
- e. Priest Retirement Collection for 2016 was \$10,276 less than our goal. Shortages for both campaigns were paid out of the savings.
- f. Building a Home for All update: Total savings have increased, this is due to pledge payments, direct gifts, fund raising efforts, and savings as a result of operational efficiency.

3. **“PEAK” – Father Frank**

A new young adult ministry for parishioners ages 21-30 will be starting up in September. Deacon Zeke and Jamie Mendoza will be heading this new ministry. Their study will be on “Concerning Your Strengths”.

4. **Goal Setting 2018 – Father Frank**

Each PPC member received a book titled “Great Catholic Parishes, How Four Essential Practices Make Them Thrive” by William E. Simon Jr. Currently the parish staff is reading the book and the council will start their reading with instructions from Father Frank to read Part 1: Great Parishes Share Leadership.

5. New Council Member Consideration – Father Frank

Due to Mark Ebreo departure, the council was in need of a replacement. Father Frank recommended and presented us with Therese Eze application/bio. The council reviewed her application/bio, a vote was taken and approved.

WELCOME THERESE TO THE QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH COUNCIL!!!

We are excited for you to join us at our next meeting on Thursday, October 19th from 7-9 pm. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me either via my email address, csutton@scana.com or by phone 704-616-8763 (cell), 704-810-3205 (work).

6. Construction Project Update – Father Frank

We reviewed the summary of procedures that need to be followed in reference to the construction of a new church. Based on the Diocese 15 step process, we are currently on Step 11 “Approval of the working drawings & request bids of licensed general contractors”. The goal is to start breaking ground in the spring of 2018.

7. Fund Raiser Update – Clare Charzewski

Golf Tournament Update:

The Queen’s Classic, is scheduled for Monday, October 16, and to date has raised \$6,000 in sponsorships. The Gardner’s, thru the Hay Clinic, are the main event sponsor. We have 11 teams that have signed up at this point. The reception will be sponsored by The Round Bistro in Gastonia. The event is still in need of sponsors, raffle prizes, and goodie bag items.

BBQ Update:

The BBQ is scheduled for Friday, October 13. Sales have started after all Masses. The first week sales were over \$1,200. Tickets are \$9.00 a plate or \$8.00 a plate, for groups of ten or more. Delivery is available

8. Encuentro 5 – Father Frank

Father Frank passed out hand-outs for us to review so as to have a better understand what Encuentro is all about. We had a very good discussion, answers and questions session about our parish goal. A small group has already formed and was meeting for the first time Thursday, September 21st in the Education Building. We also have 2 Sisters of The Good News in Mt Holly that will be starting a woman’s bible study group in the near future. Father invited us to attend at least one of the Spanish Masses. Our goal as a parish to be able to have better interaction with our Latino brothers and sisters.

9. Father's Good New – Father Frank

- a. Advent Small Group Study is in the works. This year's study is Minds & Hearts to God: A study on Prayer and is written by Father Frank. Sign-ups will start in October.
- b. Financial Report is good.
- c. Meals on Wheels did accept our revised contract.
- d. RCIA has 12 adult candidates and RCIC has 6 children candidates.
- e. Hopeful to get the Book Club started in December.
- f. There will be a Spanish Bible Study in the near future.

10. Ministry Weekend Reminder – Keith McGuinness

Council will be well represented at this event on Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th.

11. Closing prayer – Keith McGuinness