

SEPTEMBER 2018 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Father Frank, Clare Charzewski, Theresa Eze, John Fout, Jerry Gardner, Keith McGuinness, Scott Phillips, Juan Saiz, Colleen Sutton, Scott Spanbauer.

Members Absent: Lawton Blandford, Michelle Curnow, Matt Gibbons, and Ellen Wentz.

1. Opening Prayer – Theresa Eze

2. Minutes – Colleen Sutton

Colleen read August 2018 minutes. Changes and/or corrections were made and the minutes were approved and accepted.

3. Building Update – Father Frank

- a. All mechanicals for the new church have been approved by the City of Belmont and Gaston County. The final package will now be submitted to the Diocese. After their approval, the groundbreaking will be scheduled.
- b. When groundbreaking is complete and construction is started the back property will be roped off.
- c. Some church events/functions etc., will be held across the street until construction is complete.

4. Duke Energy Solar Consideration – Scott Philips

Based on our tax status as a church within the state of NC it will be very difficult to qualify for tax breaks/refunds. Keith McGuinness has given Father Frank's phone number to his contact at Duke Energy and Jerry Gardner will reach out to a friend of his that is knowledgeable about solar energy too.

5. Parish Listening Debrief – Feedback from All

There was a great turn out for this event. All council members that were able to attend felt it went really well. Church members that wanted to either make a statement or ask a question, were giving that opportunity. Ideas discussed were how the laity can help make change. That we don't have to wait on leadership to do something. More laity need to be involve within the church and the overseeing of all aspects of the church. Ex: A Laity Council to evaluate our Bishops. Of course there was a wide range of emotions from parishioners. It was agreed that Father Frank being forward thinking and holding this session was very important for the church. Three other catholic churches have reached out to Father Frank for ideas on holding their own sessions.

6. BBQ/Golf Tournament Fundraiser Updates – Clare Charzewski

Numbers for the Queen's Classic fundraiser are as follows:

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| a. Sponsorships received and paid: | \$12,500 |
| b. Sponsorships to be paid: | \$ 2,500 |
| c. Sponsorships pending: | \$ 250 |

This total is above the amount raised from last year's tournament of \$14,000 in sponsorships.

Monetary gifts received:	\$ 350
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(This is the same as last year.)

Cost to participate in the Queen's Classic is \$100 per player. Of this amount, the church will receiving \$34.05. So far there are 20 teams registered to play.

In reference to the BBQ portion of this fundraiser, Mark Colone and his team have been selling tickets for \$9.00 a plate (\$8.00 if you purchase 10 or more). The church will receive \$5.00 for each plate sold. Currently, we don't have the number on how many tickets have been sold.

7. Father Franks Good News – Father Frank

- a. The 5:00pm Mass on October 20th will be a Tagalog Bilingual Mass. After mass, there will be a Filipino Cultural Celebration with food, fellowship, music and dancing in the MAK Family Life Center.
- b. Christmas Cantata this year will have some great changes. First, this year's event will be Multicultural. We will have other churches joining us, such as, Our Lady of Consolation and St. Joseph Vietnamese Catholic Church. Various types of celebration will be performed from drums to a Lion Dance.
- c. The annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 28, from 2-4 pm. There will be free hot dogs, popcorn, games and of course trick or treating. We have extended an invitation to the Reid Park Community, here in Belmont, to join us for this wonderful event. There will be prizes for best costume and decorated car trunk.
- d. Our Advent 2018 Study Program is titled Salt and Light. Small groups will begin the week of October 21st. Currently, we have 13 groups with various locations and times. Signups opportunities will be after each Mass. There will be a Potluck Dinner Social for all who participate in the gathering on Wednesday, December 5th at 6pm in the MAK Family Life Center.
- e. Catholic Heart Work Camp for 2019 will be on the coast of South Carolina.
- f. Lastly, our E-Give program is up 18%.

8. Ministry weekend Mass coverage – Keith McGuinness

Keith asked for volunteers to cover each Mass the weekend of September 29th and 30th. This is our annual Ministry Weekend and a great opportunity to meet and greet other church members and answer any questions they may have for the council.

9. Closing prayer – Keith McGuinness