

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/20/20

Time: 7 pm

Location: Adult Meeting Room

Attendees: Patrick Parris, Teague Ridge, Father Adam, Susan Straub, Dean Brauner, Jason Lewis, Mike Lally, Dan Walter, Theresa Garrett, Aaron Thompson, Frank Marx, John Dwyer

- Father opened with a prayer.
- We reviewed the 12/19 meeting minutes.
- Father introduced our new Pastoral Associate, Patrick Parris, to the Council.
- Father met with Tink Guthrie (Vice Chancellor) regarding the proposed capital campaign process:
 - Ascension will send a request letter to conduct a feasibility study to the Office of Admission Advancement – we will send within 2 weeks
 - Once approved, Ascension will identify and contract with a company (ex. Generis) to run the feasibility study (determine the capacity and desire of the community to fund a campaign, confirm needs)
 - Father will create a capital campaign subcommittee to evaluate the findings and propose a plan
 - Working with an architectural firm, more detailed plans will be generated and submitted to the archdiocese for approval
- The school accreditation committee asked Ascension to review and revise their school mission statement.
 - Specifically, they believe that the current statement needs to be more specific:

“Through Christ we rise above the ordinary to achieve the extraordinary”
 - Father would like the parish to look at ALL mission statements including the current parish mission statement:

“We are a Roman Catholic parish focused on developing our community through worship, outreach, education and fellowship guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ.”
 - Father suggested that Matthew 28:19 already tells Roman Catholics their mission:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

- Father proposed that a simple statement starting with *“Following after him: ___”* and followed by something specific and germane to the parish, school or each individual subcommittee could tie the statements together, be succinct and allow for specification.
- In addition, Father suggested that a new mission statement (if changed) would be listed above the entrance to the sanctuary and we could add the message *“Go in Peace”* above the exit doors.
- We will continue the discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

- Committee reports:
 - Athletics – New fee structure of pay-by-sport is working well and well received by parents
 - Finance – reported on school registration figures:
 - 2019-2020 (budget): 185
 - 2019-2020 (actual): 191
 - 2020-2021 (forecast): 204
 - Buildings and Grounds – Successfully undertaken a number of maintenance projects including HVAC unit replacement

- Father closed with a blessing.

Next meeting is on 4/16 at 7 pm.