

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2017

The opening prayer was led by Susan Wieneke at 7pm.

Members present: Susan Wieneke, Cory Plotts, Father Gallas, Don Felix, Steve Schmitz, and Elaine Kramer. Trustee guests: Roger Litchy, Tom Hudinsky. Members absent: Lil Wawra, Judy Bermel

We read and prayed over next Sunday's gospel, utilizing Lectio Divina.

Minutes from June 12, 2017 were read and approved.

As a welcome to our new members, Father Gallas explained that the role of the parish council is to support and counsel the pastor, to evangelize and do work as identified during meetings. "Do one holy thing every day and grow in that".

Welcome packet update: Father will work with Sherry to obtain more pictures so we can progress. We discussed the design and Steve Schmitz agreed to take the lead on the welcome packet project.

Roger brought a pamphlet called "Your Guide for the Mass" and "Welcome to our Church" by [www.store.faithcatholic.com](http://www.store.faithcatholic.com). Father will have Pam Dombeck look for the guide and see if it is something we can have in our pews.

Update on Religious Education – it starts this Wednesday and is for all ages! All classes are held here at St. Thomas for Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Thomas.

5:30-6:30 Dinner – entire parish is invited!

6:30-7:30 Adoration – entire parish is invited!

6:30-7:30 Father will lead adult formation – entire parish is invited!

6:30-7:30 PK-6 Religious Education (PK-3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4-6 Baltimore Catechism)

7:30-8:30 Confirmation classes are for 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

We discussed ideas on welcoming visitors and new parishioners. Steve will investigate hosting a dinner to welcome new parishioners. Cory suggested a "New Parishioner Sunday" once a month or quarter. We will add a picture and short bio of new parishioners to our bulletin.

Future plan is to combine parish councils of Ss. Peter and Paul with St. Thomas.

Don is working on Lenten Fish Fry details. Father announced there will be a mission at St. Thomas the first week of Lent, "The Work of the Holy Angels". The fish fry would be a good ending to that week.

Small groups are coming along nicely. Familia starts tomorrow night, Father's group is Wednesday evenings and the Wednesday morning bible study has started up again for the fall. We would like to see more small groups get started.

We are getting another teaching seminarian! Trevor Peterson will be assigned to St. Thomas (since Ss. Peter and Paul had the last seminarian). We need to form a committee to meet with him monthly for the next 4 years. The committee should be a cross section of our parish, with 12 people.

Closing prayer by Father at 8:25pm

Submitted by Elaine Kramer