

St Stanislaus Parish Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2018

Committee Updates:

Social Activities: 13 adults and 24 children attended Movie Night on April 13. Discussions are underway for a parish picnic sometime in the near future, possibly combined with a Knights of Columbus activity in October. Tentative date for the parish pot-luck dinner is November 17, 2018.

Finance: Working on the newest financial report for the parish, it is ready and should be in the bulletin in the coming weeks. Marty Conroy is the newest member of the Finance Council. Welcome Marty! The next meeting will be the first Wednesday in June. The garbage contract is being reevaluated in the hope of saving the parish money for next year.

Liturgy: the committee will be writing the Prayer of the Faithful with Fr Jay for July and August.

Service/Ecumenism: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross went well. Next year the hope is to start organizing with the other churches a little earlier to make planning easier. The Feeding Our Neighbors campaign was held in April as opposed to January this year. The amount of food collected was significantly less than last year. A recommendation was made to hold the campaign in January of 2019.

Education: Vacation Bible School will be held at the end of June. Registration is open and not yet full.

Buildings and Grounds: Update on replacing the parking lot: There is a discrepancy with the deed regarding Church Street, and whether it is officially a road, street, lane, etc. which is delaying plans to improve the parking lot. Also, the septic system needs to be evaluated before the parking lot can be completed. A video inspection is being performed on the septic system to ensure that it is in working order before parking lot can be improved. Sink hole near the basement door of the rectory needs to be fixed. Pot holes also need to be fixed.

Church and Hall doors are being evaluated for replacement. 2 Eagle scout projects have been proposed: stripping the cabinets in the kitchen and the other has not been decided.

Teen club helped clean up the parking lot after the winter plowing: Thank you Teen Club members!!

Staff Updates: 22 second graders celebrated their First Communion, and 5 children in the GIFT program also made their First Communion. Tuesday a cupcake rosary celebration was held in religious education. Registration for catechesis for next year is in progress and can be done on-line for families already in the program. Families can use We Share program to pay religious education fees.

25 Students made their Confirmation this year. New catechists John Fumo and Bob Ferrara will be instructing next year with 7th and 8th grade catechesis. Thank you John and Bob! Formed programs will be used in instruction.

Teen club will meet 3 Sundays a month and Friday nights next year. Junior PTAF started out strong this year but numbers have dwindled. Teen club also had an Earth Day Celebration, and Cinco de Mayo celebration.

A proposal was made to have a guard at the door during religious education. They will have to have SAFE environment training.

Opening the Word scripture study has been a success. Close to 20 people attend each week. It will continue thru the middle of June.

Possible retreat day in the fall using the Formed platform.

Knights of Columbus: Yard sale is in July. Pleasant Valley Days has been moved to July, Knights are unsure as to whether to commit.

Parish Council Officers: Schedule of meetings for Parish Council next year will continue on Monday nights at 7:30. The next meeting will be September 24, 2018.

Fr Jay: New feast for “Mary, Mother of the Church” will be on the Monday after Pentecost.

A 3-night presentation from Formed called “Presence” will be held in the summer. Dates to be determined.

Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2018