

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting November 15, 2018 2pm

Kristine opened the meeting with a prayer and old minutes were read by Martha and approved, including an addendum from the finance committee.

Old Business: Safety and Security: Charlie McLeod: After a draft from the safety committee has been approved, then training of the ushers and greeters will start. The defibrillator (AED) has been approved by the council for \$1275 and will be ordered with training following. It was discussed that the doors should be locked at the front door after the mass has begun, how to be prepared with trained people at the doors to identify a possible shooter, who the security responders should be as well as the first aid responders. Charlies stated he will provide a list soon.

Welcome Folders: Fred Kemmerley: The Map committee is trying to get the welcome brochure complete with descriptions from each ministry, with the goal to eventually meet with new parishioners to discuss opportunities to volunteer.

New Business Jim Tralka: Bicentennial Campaign for St Ann is September to December 2019 goal \$100,000 for our parish over three years with 50% of the funds raised to come back to the parish. Other fund raising will be banned except the soup lunch, golf tournament and outreach. Deficit to the amount to be raised can be made up through fund raising. Finance committee will meet with the Diocese in January 2019. Can donate in the same manner that was followed for the DSF. A wish list of what needs our parish has will need to be supplied to the diocese in order to receive money back.

Sandy Rolland: Discussed starting a wine and cheese social to include Saturday mass people in hospitality. Suggested to alternate months with Sunday hospitality but will pilot this to see if it will be attended. Sunday hospitality will include coffee and doughnuts except for May, first Communion or Confirmation, July, St Ann Feast day, December, Christmas party which will be pot luck meals. Jim Tralka stated that the budget includes \$100 a month for hospitality but funeral meal cost is separate from hospitality.

Fred Kemmerley: Spirituality of Stewardship: Fred discussed this conference that he attended as requested by Father Max, that helps parishes focus on local problems especially related to stewardship and volunteering. Three concepts were about Communication, Education, and Evangelization, cost \$3000 a month for three years done by professional consultants. Father Max stated we did not need to hire a company but we do need to intensify our effort and mission of stewardship to be the caretakers of our church and faith by using our website to state the role of each ministry to encourage people to become involved, Margaret suggested using the bulletin as well. Father Max also stated we should use our hospitality gathering to talk about the different ministries to encourage involvement, including the Womens association, Knights of Columbus, CCD, faith formation and so on.

Charlie Currier: St. Ann website <http://stsantee.org> is currently not operational as the website administrator, Ben Dierickson, has not funded his network support account(s). He had promised to have it back up Friday 11/9 but did not happen and now telling me Friday 11/16 now is the earliest. He is asking that we now provide our own hosting plan and will send me detailed information on how to accomplish that later this week. I have asked the Diocese to provide potential candidates to replace Ben but have not heard back. Talked to Buddy Cate, webmaster for OLOH, to see if he may have an interest in helping us with the website and he does not. Another contact is Stephen Scanlon, Jr. (Becky Ruppe son-in-law) called and offer his expertise in getting the site working again and providing his experience for this effort. Also, talked to Garrett, UNG consultant for the Diocese for his recommendations. The Diocese has provided no support with this effort. I interviewed Stephen Scanlon Wednesday 11/14/18 and he is my choice to replace Ben as our website administrator. He has all the expertise to provide the support Kristine and I need to webmaster this program. He is temporarily living in Ellore while building a new home in Summerville. He has over 20 years' experience in website administration and based on the interview could provide a very professional service to our Church. Note: The email from Church to Diocese stannsanatee@charlestdiocese.org as noted in last month's minutes has been setup

Jim Tralka: Finance: Expenses: Hvac installed, Front door repaired, rolldown screen in kitchen repaired, Keys for front door need to be accounted for with everyone having their own password, Thermostats are being played with causing issues suggested may have to cap and lock them, Ice machine more economical to purchase a new one then to repair, roof has been repaired, the ducts have dirt not mold in them. Financial reports are out for each parishioner, Columbarium is separate from the church but still have to be included in the financial report.

Susan Weber: Liturgy: Advent schedule, Dec 2 first Sunday advent, Saturday Dec 8, 4pm Immaculate Conception, a holy day with the Marian liturgy so does not count as the Sunday mass obligation, penance service December 13, 6pm, brochure to be made ,Dec 23 last Sunday of advent, Dec 24, 4pm Christmas eve mass, Dec 25, 11am Christmas mass, no mass New year eve but at 7pm on New year day.

Charlie Currier; St. Ann Columbaria are 19% (12/64) occupied, adding 2 this past quarter. There are 28 unsold singles and 7 doubles not sold resulting in \$63,000 potential future revenue. Balance in operating funds account is \$4,766 and \$20,613 in the Diocese investment/savings account. It was determined in our meeting this afternoon that we will **not** solicit St. Mary parishioners to purchase niches in the St. Ann facility but if they requested it Father Max will consider their request. If all the doubles were to sell out and we still have a significant number of singles, we may discuss with you the possibility of selling two single niches as a "double" before adding a third columbarium.

CCD: Kristine: No children for First Communion or Confirmation this year, Christmas Pageant to be arranged, high school rally to be determined.

Martha Simpson: Social Services: Continue to visit three to four people regularly for homebound and communion, Right to Life, Dazz walk for life helped raise funds for crisis Pregnancy and we had about four people do the walk at Edisto Gardens, Did not contact Dick Grindle due to the recent death of Evelyn, Angel tree is ready for people to select a child or elderly person for a Christmas donation, thanks to Susan Weber and Meryl Staller for helping with the names, Tammy High stated no real issues with outreach but it was discussed that she is never sure how many volunteers will show up and sometimes the hot, humid weather does wear our volunteers out, suggestions to try to get high school students who need service hours to help or start earlier in the day, Also will have the Rice bowl collection during

Lent, Martha will follow up with Tammy on the rice bowl to coordinate with diocese and the suggestions for outreach.

Fred Kemmerley: Faith Formation: Formed has been a wonderful addition and want to do some advent programs but the internet at church does not always cooperate. Small group participation groups are also be formed but again the internet is an issue, Darlene is working on increasing internet speed but will be \$75 a month. Sent from Charlie after the meeting, Father Max and Fred approved upgrading Frontier internet service at the Church to a 25 Mbps service @ \$75/month. (The supporting information is as follows: "Based on internet search for recommended speeds for streaming it said: You need a minimum download speed of 3 Megabits per second to watch a single video stream in clear, standard definition. The best Internet speed for HD streaming is 5Mbps, and if you go all the way up to 4K streaming, or ultra HD, your bandwidth should start at 25 Mbps. Frontier says the best internet speed for streaming 25 Mbps and the price for that is \$75/mo. Monthly Rate comparison: \$60 for 9 Mbps, \$65 for 18 Mbps, \$75 for 25 Mbps & \$85 for 40 Mbps. Based on the above, the Church probably should go with the 25Mbps @ \$75/mo. NtiNet price for 25 Mbps is \$60 but that is not available @ the Church location, but Frontier is there.")

Jim Murray suggested we need to let the parishioners know all the work that goes on in these parish council meeting via the bulletin or a presentation, Dottie Biering, Pat Blaszkzy, Larry Miller, Margaret Fouts where also in attendance.

Father Max: thanked all the ministries for doing a good job and reinforced the need to make presentations and share with our church community via website, ambo at the altar, bulletin ect to encourage more participation. Surgery and leave of absence starts Dec 5th, please pray for a swift recovery and thanks for your support.

Next meeting Feb 21, 2019 at 2pm

Respectfully submitted, Martha Simpson