Parish Council Meeting Minutes – 1/2/2020

Present: Mike Rydberg, Kathy Wedl, Jim Emery, Ann Counihan, Rob Ley, Diane Moe, Dick Brozic, Andrea Palumbo, Pat Ballard, Dennis Heaney, Tica Hanson, Father Jim DeBruycker

Absent: Emily Antin, Elaine Hauff, Ellen Velasco-Thompson

Opening and Closing Prayer, Minutes were done by Tica Hanson

December minutes by Pat Ballard – Approved and accepted.

Julie Madden – Update on Peace and Justice: She will celebrate 20 years this fall with SJA.

Overview of Peace and Justice: There is stronger participation from the parish than it’s ever been. Julie’s responsibility is to coordinate and communicate with the leaders of these ministries.

Major themes of Catholic social teachings – 1-8

Some Examples:

1. Dignity of the Human Person foundation – what they went from
   - We judge our ministries by depths of relationship leaders who grow here and how it’s grounded here. We respond to the calls of charity and justice.
   - Care Fund – have gone to Beacon Interfaith to work together on housing.
   - Immigration – there are so many levels in which SJA responds to these needs.
   - Outreach Fund – gave several grants to those working with immigrants.

2. These ministries thank the Parish Council for our support:
   - Sustaining Partners – AIAIA – Sister Parish – we have established partnerships with MLTF and Risen Christ School – groups – they are integral to us and us to them.

3-8 on Julie’s handouts

Biggest challenge in the next few years – too many committees, she’s unable to go out and represent SJA with various groups in the larger community of the Twin Cities.

Working with other groups from the parishes of: PAX Christ, Basilica of St Mary, St. Joseph of the Workers.

Guardian Angels, and SJA - Have people working Full Time in Social Justice. Other parishes have part time staff doing the same.

Our staff has become younger, now some of them appear on Sunday – just as Julie has, following her example.

3. Risen Christ (11th Ave & 34th St. Mpls) looking at establishing a Partnership with them. Many SJA members are volunteers there.
   - February 16 – Administration from Risen Christ will be speaking at masses at SJA.

Peace and Justice is what draws many people to SJA.
**Pastor’s report:** Christmas Eve: 4 PM – standing room only, 6 PM – full, 10 PM – full.


Dennis Heaney- staff report:

Scott Malchow has left the position, are getting temporary staff from Twin Cities Sound.

Scott Malchow was here for all the masses and concerts

Steve Freeman was out on medical leave and is now back FT.

Ross Spriggs is on medical leave until March 2020.

There was a question about marriages performed here – Father De Bruycker will meet with Clergy Services at the Archdiocese.

Financial update – Dennis Heaney

Christmas Collection was $72,644

Nov. books still open

Dec 23-31 – Christmas collection was $72, 644

This year envelopes down by $7,000 compared to 2018 for the year.

Are getting Qualified Distributions year end gifts of $30,000 (10,000-15,000 few)

Ended year about $30,000 ahead of 2018

Expenses about same as 2018

PT maintenance are hard to find – hours 2-10 PM and some Saturdays – contact Steve Friedrichs – looking for people on a part time basis. Must go through Virtus background checks.

Budget year for SJA is July 1 – June 30.

Kathy Wedl –

- Sanctuary Congregations are at full capacity. SJA Justice Grants work with to coalition working with families, these will benefit children who’ve experienced trauma

- Leadership position available in Sanctuary

- Bethlehem Lutheran sponsoring workshops on how immigration affects lives.

- Sanctuary group provides backpacks to those released from detention, such as underwear, socks, toiletries, money.

- Refugee crisis in Worthington: 200-300 minors living there – need support.

- Having weekly meeting with medical clinic there – Our Lady of Grace.

Welcome new parishioners – Pat Ballard – Olivia has a team – wants us to welcome new parishioners.
Finance Committee – has two new members per Andrea Palumbo.

Em and Mike will be meeting with Shari E. of pastoral care about plans for 2020.

Facilities – met about using funds for gym updates from the Capital Campaign.

Next Guest Staff: February : Anna Vagle and Olivia Brown

April, May, July open for staff members

Rob Ley spoke about ISAIAH and skill building and getting to causes

Tues Dec 31st – was Father DeBruycker’s birthday, we sang Happy Birthday to him; he asked for prayers as he continues his health journey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tica Hanson