

## 2018-2019 ST RAPHAEL PARISH COUNCIL

*October 9, 2018*

**Present:** Andy Blank, Bob Barron, Chuck Barth, Fr Dan Bachner, Fr John Honiotes, Joy Brackett, Kate Helm, Liz Russell, Marian Johnston, Pete Makris, Phil McEntee, Sue Sullivan, Susie Allen

**Absent:** Gerard Fosco, Laura Mersinger

**Opening Prayer and Gospel Reading** were given by Bob Barron

1. **Meeting Minutes** from 9/11/18 were approved with corrections.
2. **Introductions** made by new members not present at last month's meeting. Email addresses and cell phone numbers collected to be added to list which will be sent to Julie Duffin. Approved minutes with their corrections will be sent to Julie Duffin to be posted in appropriate area on church's website.
3. **Ministries Update:** New format on sharing Ministry Updates was reviewed as follows:
  - a. Each Ministry representative will send a brief update of their most recent ministry meeting to the Parish Council Secretary, Susie Allen, who will forward all the ministries meeting updates to each Council Member in a single email for review prior to the Parish Council meeting. If a Council member wishes to discuss in detail an item from any of the Ministries Meetings, they are to contact the Council Chair, Liz Russell, who will add it to the upcoming Council Meeting Agenda.

#### 4. **Ministry Updates:**

##### a. **Religious Education:**

- i. Classes have begun with grades 1-6 being held at the church.
  1. Overall numbers are down from 475 last year to 442 this year
  2. Handbooks are being prepared
  3. The RE Ministry is discussing ways to increase parental involvement, especially during Advent and Lent, by creating ways to socialize with other parents and organizing family projects and/or service projects.
    - a. Alive in Christ books are being used this year
    - b. Church Tours and a Teaching Mass are being considered
  4. First reconciliation is scheduled for November 27<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Confirmation is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> with 137 students to be confirmed this year

##### b. **Circles Young Adult Group**

- i. Looking to plan a group event, date TBD
  1. Wine and cheese

2. Open to all young adults in parish
- ii. One Year Anniversary in November
- c. **Finance** has finalized its Fiscal Year Report
  - i. There has been a \$13,000 shortfall overall between budgeted and collection amounts
    1. Ministries budgets have not been decreased as a result.
  - ii. There will be a speaker at the end of each mass this weekend outlining this year's report.
    1. The report will be printed in the bulletin in a new format as discussed at last month's Council meeting.

**d. Pastor's Report:**

- i. New LED lighting fixtures will be added in certain areas of the church
  1. Mainly outdoors by the doors entering the Narthex.
- ii. The pavers outside the Narthex are scheduled to be repaired
  1. They will be stripped, leveled and redone to remove the curb.
- iii. A new Maintenance Director has been hired
  1. Individual's background is in HVAC
  2. Current parishioner
- iv. Preparations are under way for upcoming Confirmation.
- v. There is no Joint Commission meeting scheduled at this time.

**5. New Business:**

- a. **Article on Invitation** is to be printed in the bulletin once a month.
  - i. each Council member will write about a way it has or can impact us in our faith.
  - ii. Invitation can mean many different things and multiple ideas were discussed
  - iii. Fr Dan will start by writing a letter welcoming all to our Year of Invitation for the bulletin the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of November.
  - iv. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November Council Meeting. Article needs to be submitted 11 days prior to publication date.

**Closing prayer** was said by Fr Dan.

*Minutes approved November 13, 2018*