

Parish Council Minutes
Jan 8, 2014

Attending: Fr Tim, Bill Arnott ,Marie Johnson, Cecelia Lisle,
Brian Duffy, Diana Bartles

Guests: George Korn, Emersion Heighton , Don Frymer, Doozie
Stewart

Prior to the meeting opening Fr Tim passed out the Parish Council Handbook to all the Council member. Some time was spent going over the hand book. Fr. wanted everyone to understand what the by laws where and understand the function of the council The Parish Council is a group of people who represent the entire parish they have been called to assist the pastor as an advisory group Each of us as Christians through baptism share in this responsibility.

Fr stated the importance of good communication. It is essential to the growth and development of the council and the parish. A definition of consensus was given as: A conclusion drawn or opinion formed by a group of people after all aspects of an issue had been heard and deliberated.

It was discussed that the meeting should be opened with a reading from scripture and have a brief period of quiet to reflect on the reading and then have a brief discussion. All members agreed this should be done and also agreed that while the time for the meeting had been used all members agree to continue with the meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bill Arnott. Fr. read the gospel and after having a few minutes to reflect on the reading the meeting was continued with all members reading the previous meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as

written with no corrections or additions by Marie Johnson and seconded by Diana Bartles

Committee Reports

Building and Maintenance

Brian Duffy told the council that he would not be able to do this committee because he lived too far to be able to keep up with things and he would step down from council. Fr asked if he did not have this committee if he would consider staying and he agreed to do that.

Liturgy

Fr. stated that the Penance services were not well attended. We had about 18 at ours. Attendance at the masses was pretty good Christmas Eve had about 175, Midnight was 125 and Christmas Day was 25.

Religious Ed No report

Social No report

Finance

Fr. stated that the balance did not reflect the checks he had just written. Bill Arnott asked about the money in Our Lady of Loretto account and this is to be used for the up keep of the cemetery. Dennis Saelens is giving up the care of the cemetery and we need to find someone to take that on.

Old Business

None was discuss

New Business

Several guests attending the meeting They presented a proposal for the change of the Saturday Mass from 5:30pm to 4:30pm stating that some had trouble driving in the dark. After some discussion on this, Fr. said that changing it to 4:30pm would not help and that he would make it at 4:00pm. Our guest did not want to accept that and it was put to the council for a vote as to what should be done. The vote was 2 for and 3 against. This was voted down by the council and the Saturday Mass time will remain the same

Before the meeting was ended it was noted that the Executive committee would meet to work on the agenda prior to meeting. The executive committee is made up of Fr., the Chairperson and the Secretary.

With no other business a motion to close the meeting was made by by Diana Bartles seconded by Marie Johnson. Fr. led group in a closing prayer.