

St. Francis Parish Council Minutes
Regular Meeting; Brunsmann Hall
Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Chair Bob Reid called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. In addition to Mr. Reid, present were Darin Greer, vice chair, Fr. Des O'Reilly and council members Debbie Clingingsmith, Francine Freitas, Jo Gonsalves, Margaret Healey, Melba Hinajosa, Bob Lavelle, Dennis Mahoney, Kent Meyers and Gary Myrick. Absent were members, Janet Vitt and Fred Bermudez, Also attending was staff member Beth White.

Mr. Reid opened the meeting and Fr. Des O'Reilly led a prayer, paying tribute to the victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

A resolution memorializing Sister Claire Graham was unanimously adopted.

The minutes of the July 10, 2018, council meeting were approved unanimously without amendment. (No meeting was held in August.)

Pastor's remarks

Father Des led a discussion about the ongoing issue of sexual abuse, in the Catholic Church, particularly that of children. Council members expressed the opinion that the difficult topic needs to be addressed. A committee will be formed to look at parish policy and protective procedures, and the issue likely will be a topic of some type of parish discussion.

Chair's report

Upon motion and second, the Council accepted the resignation of Tricia Webber. Mr. Reid will send her a letter, recognizing her pro-bono legal assistance to the parish.

He reported that the Election Committee will be renamed the Membership Committee and will deal with not only the annual elections but also vacancies that occur during the year. Vice Chair Darin Greer will serve as Chair of the committee, which includes Margaret Healey and Jo Gonzales.

Mr. Reid reported that an ad hoc committee, the By-laws Committee, has been created and charged with reviewing the existing committees as well as amending the current bylaws as needed.

Staff liaison report

- Beth White explained an effort to integrate more children into the liturgy at Mass. The Parish Council was supportive of the idea.

- She reminded the Council that volunteers are needed for the Annual Parish Picnic on October 7. She said the parish Gala will be February 23, 2019, at the Hilton.
- Ms. White said Council members will be commissioned at the 9:30 Mass, September 23. At the other Masses that weekend, a prayer for the Parish Council will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful.

Committee Reports

- **Parish Directory Report:** Francine Freitas said more photo sessions will be scheduled in September and October. To date, there have been 154 photo sessions, including individuals, couples, families and pets, she said.
- **Building and grounds:** Bob Reid said a painter has been hired to fix peeling plaster in the Ladies Restroom in the breezeway.
- **Celebration of Volunteers:** Margaret Healey said a celebration will be planned around ice cream. A date hasn't been scheduled yet.

Kent Meyers led the Council in a closing prayer after which the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2018, in Brunsman Hall. Francine Freitas will provide the opening and closing prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Healey, council member