

Catholic Church of the Nativity

Minutes Parish Council

November 13, 2017

Attending: Fr Kirk, Deacon Tim, Deacon CJ, Phil, Judy, Nancy, Alaina, Jan, James, Bill, Mike, Steve, Roberto

Absent: Buzz, Emma

1. Opening Prayer – Father Kirk
2. Approval of minutes from September meeting and October notes.
 - Minutes and Notes were approved as submitted. [Steve/Tim]

New Business

- Status of OSV Increased Offertory Program (Deacon CJ)
 - OSV Letter, Brochure and Pledge card will be mailed to each parishioner. The process is currently somewhat behind schedule. Date for “pew Sunday”, originally scheduled for November 18-19, is presently TBD.
- Holiday Mass Schedules
 - Specific dates for holidays will be decided and announced by Fr Kirk.
 - Thanksgiving day Mass
 - Christmas eve and Day Mass
 - 31 Dec and 1 Jan Mass
- Remembering and recognizing those in need of prayer and -
 - Parish Bulletin –
 - A prayer list has recently been added to the weekly bulletin.
 - Daily Mass dedication – suggestion of mass dedication as a means of increasing offertory.
 - Currently, Fr Kirk dedicates masses when requested, accepting offerings as given.
 - Suggestion that Prayer Intention cards be available.
 - Praying for those in our community in need.
 - Fr Kirk considers the Prayers of the People to be inclusive enough to satisfy praying for the community.
- Safety Committee Recommendations (Deacon Tim)
 - The ERT committee has made 3 recommendations for the safety of our parish:
 - Installation of security cameras and monitors. Mike Donatella is currently researching the equipment and the costs.
 - Police presence for all Sunday and holiday masses – cost @ \$35 hr. or \$70 per week. Council consensus for expanding police presence.
 - Installation of defensive barrier to prevent Narthex vehicle attack.

- Fr Kirk is concerned with appearance and asked that concept be tabled for presence.
 - General discussion around use/role of ERT individuals in the mass. Deacon Tim asked Mike Hall to give the ERT team some ideas as to how best to use members in security role. Mike agreed to do so.
- Parish Website (Alaina)
 - Alaina is working with webmaster Daryl Stevens to update the website.
 - Roberto asked that the website be available in Spanish; James recommended use of a well-respected automatic international translator.
 - Alaina will ask James, Roberto and Alice Donarski to aid in the various technical and text aspects of that effort.
 - Alaina will post the monthly Council minutes and financial documents on the website each month.
- f. **Next meeting date: January 8, 2017**
- g. **Closing prayer – Father Kirk**