

**Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2017**  
**Parish Council Meeting**

**St. Kenneth Vision Statement:** "To become an increasingly welcoming and inclusive parish centered in the Gospel of justice, love and compassion."

**Members present:** Fr. Tom Belczak, Deacon Denny DeVooght, Tom Okress, Andy Wasiniak, Brad Neilson, Judy Torosian, Art Belloli, John Dankert, Maureen O'Brien, Peggy Darrah, Rich Noelke, Kim Rize, Ray Smock

**Absent:** Jeff Kessen, Sarah Fish, Bob "Maz" Mazarowski

**7:00 p.m. Opening Prayer:** Peggy Darrah

**Approval of Minutes:** *Art Belloli moved to approve the minutes. Ray Smock seconded. Motion carried with unanimous approval.*

**Administrative and Communications**

- Vicariate Representative: Since John Shorb left, we will go without a representative until further notice.
- Website – Time and talent added to website.
  - Working on parish registration form that people can submit electronically. Once submitted, an electronic response will send out an invite to the new parishioners to come to the office to pick up a welcome packet and ask about family education needs and their desire to be involved in church activities. Barb or Becky can then review the data.
  - Working on adding obituaries to the website.
- Feedback from parishioners – Art Belloli's daughter was extremely impressed with the religious education system.

**Parish Master Plan**

- Andy Wasiniak has nothing to report.

**Commissions:**

- Christian Service – John Dankert read from his report, attached.
- Education – Maureen O'Brien presented the Education report.
  - The group met on September 11. Everything is going well.
  - October 9 and 10 is the 1<sup>st</sup> communion retreat.
  - The Women's Book Club is studying the book "Fearless."
  - Ron Ward from St. James parish and Deacon Denny came to the meeting to focus on the big picture. Ron has a workable approach and we might be able to engage him and get other options. He complimented the energy of St. Kenneth parish. He said that we are moving in the right direction. Deacon Denny and Ron will meet this week to look for more alternatives and thoughts. (Ron Ward is

a business consultant and we need to look at goals and what we have to invest. His focus is on Evangelization.) Deacon Denny and Ron Ward have met twice before. Ron Ward wrote the book *How You Can Find God in Your Rear View Mirror*. The goal is to have something to offer to the parish in November.

- Worship – Art Belloli submitted his report, attached.
- Evangelization – No leader since Teresa Shorb left the parish.

**Stewardship**—Jeff Kessen was absent (in India).

- Andy Wasiniak reported that the committee met and a creative draft and forecast were prepared and presented to the Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD). The AOD approved the request to move forward.
  - The committee is preparing a request to the AOD for a loan to cover expenses until pledges are received. This will include a high level cost estimate and anticipated funds needed for the next 18 months since the construction should be completed before all of the three-year pledges are received. The Finance Committee needs to monitor the cash flow needs and stay on top of the flow of commitments. We continue to get increases to existing pledges from parishioners.
  - Fundraising -- The pledges total almost \$2.4 million. Father Tom is working from the middle goal level: Amen / Hosanna / Alleluia ! when providing the percentages of goal reached.
  - Building Project Update & Next Steps: (Brad Neilson)
    - Got approval from the AOD because the Committee was prepared.
    - Design update – no design changes. Brad is meeting with the architect on October 6 to finish the D.D.
    - Working on Township approval, permitting and milestone dates.
    - Plan to send out Request for Proposal (RFP) to six different contractors, based on the experience of the building committee, Frank at the AOD, and Neumann/Smith:
      - J S Vig Construction
      - Roncelli, Inc.
      - Frank Rewold and Son, Inc.
      - Monahan Co.
      - T. H. Marsh Construction Co.
      - Oliver Hatcher Construction
- Brad provided the RFP to Andy Wasiniak.
- More information is available on the website: [building@stkenneth.org](mailto:building@stkenneth.org) for architects and construction engineers to ask questions.
  - The initial proposals, showing the scope of the work to be completed but not the price, are due by November 1.
  - The construction award is tentatively November 13. The price will come after the review of the final drawings.

- The building committee will interview and review the proposals before the selection of the Construction Manager.
- Once the guaranteed maximum price is developed, the building committee will return to the AOD – at the end of March, 2018. Looking for approval to start in April, 2018.
- Plans:
  - o Currently we are at the schematic design phase of the project. It will be three weeks before we will have the renderings.
  - o Design Development Drawings – five weeks to develop
  - o Construction Drawings – 7-8 weeks to develop
- Art Belloli asked “How do we make sure that people can live with what we end up with?” Andy Wasiniak advised that people can give their input to the design group. There is a scheduled planning meeting with Neumann/Smith on Friday, October 6. Art Belloli and others who are interested are invited to provide input.

### **2017-2018 Leadership**

- Week-end masses: October 7-8 and October 14-15 – Council members will speak at each mass to explain the activities of the parish council and solicit volunteers to submit their names.
- October 30 – Consideration Day – Open Parish Council meeting for nominees to attend.
- November 12 – New Parish Council member names will be drawn during mass.
- November 27 – First 2017-2018 Parish Council meeting with new Parish Council members.

### **Fr. Tom's Prerogative**

- October 22-25 – Parish Mission

**Closing Prayer:** Maureen O'Brien

**Next Meeting:** Monday, October 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. [

**Opening Prayer:** Kim Rize

**Closing Prayer:** Judy Torosian