

**Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2018**  
**Parish Council Meeting**

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

Tracey Emmanuel called the Parish Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** Fr. Tom Belczak, Deacon Denny DeVooght, Art Belloli, Tracey Emmanuel, Joe Henderson, Brad Neilson, Rich Noelke, Brian Owens, Carol Parker, Kim Rize, Judy Torosian, Jim Bourdganis, Bob Bobrowski, Mike Hennen, Paula Steele and John Dankert

**Opening Prayer:** Torosian.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Motion Torosian, seconded by Borbowski to approve the November 5, 2018 Regular Parish Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Administrative Updates**

- **Parishioner Feedback:** Owens stated that Construction equipment being staggered within parking lot has caused multiple obstacles for parishioners. Nielson commented that it would be for this past weekend only due to the timber delivery. Timing of interior and exterior work is to our advantage for this one weekend obstacle. Timber installation easier, exterior wall down had exposed pipe, foundation, underground ducts, and footings – north addition to start after vertical reinforcement wall complete.

**New/Continuing Business**

Parish Council meeting to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, first being January 8th

**New and Continuing Business**

- **Social Media:** Steele provided update that bulletin layout existed for year now and has received positive feedback. EFT link has been corrected on homepage and through drop down menu from Liturgy Online Giving and Events & News. She added, Flocknote has 350 individuals signed up. This is used for mass email distribution of letters, permission slips and reminders. Parishioners can be reflected under different ministries. Stelle concluded that her goal for the New Year will be online bulletin, highlights for weekend updates and will be increasing her hours to achieve this goal. Facebook social media question came up to reach millennials, but Owens pointed out that due to security breach, millennials moved away from Facebook and use Snapchat. Therefore St Kenneth will not have Facebook page.

**Commission Reports:**

- **Christian Service Commission:** Dankert provided email report that reflected:  
**Giving Tree** program had all tags taken. Gifts were delivered to Becky’s house for planned deliveries. **Food for Needy** St. Vincent De Paul received Thanksgiving collections for food baskets. **Health Ministry** blood pressure screening is ongoing. **Eucharist to Homebound** had two ministers resigned but obtained one replacement. **Seniors** had its annual catered luncheon with sing a-long. **Donations** – There were total donations of \$16,800 with the primary donation for California Fire Relief efforts for \$5,000 and then mostly for food pantries, soup kitchens and

warming centers. The commission discussed repairs for Camp Sancta Maria as a potential future donation and completion of repairs for the Detroit Rescue Mission. Dankert asked for questions, none received.

- **Education Commission:** Deacon Denny reported program to families had six adults at first meeting, then zero participants at next. Only 10% of millennials attend church.
- **Worship Commission:** Belloli provided the Parish Council with a report prior to the meeting and asked if there were any questions about the report. None received. His report reflected Art& Environment will plan and install simple, short-term, easy-to-install-and-remove Christmas decorations of flat Christmas trees, poinsettias and modified crèche.
- **Evangelization Committee:** No report. There is no decision regarding leadership at this time.
- **Stewardship Commission:** No report. There is no decision regarding leadership at this time.
- **Finance Council:** Noelke provided summary of November 19<sup>th</sup> Finance meeting that reflected October's financials and account balances. He added there are 766 pledges for Let Us Rejoice/CSA for year 2. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, CSA letters were mailed out for 6-month pledge commitment. Fr. Tom remarked being hopeful for increase in Pledges once we move into the renovated church, around Easter, to enable us to pay off any debt we may incur during the building construction.

### **Building Project Update**

Neilson discussed last Monday decision made not to celebrate Christmas in partially renovated church as vertical reinforcement will be worked on, carpet tile would require re-seaming. Timbers are up! Steel for entry is next before timber can be completed. Deadline would be worship area to be completed by last week in February, 2019, so mass may be held Mar 2 & 3 weekend, although it may not be 100% completed – gathering space interior and paint. This is a doable timeline to obtain temporary Certificate of Occupancy. Fr. Tom added that the first wedding is scheduled in May. During the demolition, seven Stations of the Cross were destroyed. Neilson noted that he secured new Stations, size 17"x24" wood carved at discounted price. Joked, not Ebay.

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

Fr. Tom ended by sharing his gratitude of the parishioners' generosity through Giving Tree, First Sunday Food collections; that all are sharing their blessings. He reflected on the mailing of the Christmas mass schedule and Penance services that will be held in the social hall.

**Closing Prayer:** Henderson 8:41 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** January 8, 2019

**Opening Prayer:** Kim Rice

**Closing Prayer:** Jim Bourdganis