

## St. Timothy Parish Council Minutes

Members Present: Paul Westhoff, Jenny Yuskewich, Jack Lundy, Phil Sheehy, Mike Vogt, Sue Keller, Fr. Rick Bolte

Members Absent: Bob Siracuse, Trey Nix

Date of Meeting:

Opening Prayer Sue Keller	Prayer for Guidance
Finance Committee Report	No Report
Approval of January/Feb Minutes Jack Lundy	Mike Vogt moved to Approve. Phil Sheehy seconded. Motion carried.
<b>Pillar Reports</b>	
Worship Bob Siracuse	No Report
Outreach Paul Westhoff	Topics discussed were: 1. Numbers down at Mary Rose 2. Day of Reflection 3. Poverty Issue 4. Abuse/Mental health (Brighton Women's Center) 5. Bike background checks 6. Hunger Relief Next meeting for Outreach is in March.

<p>Adult Faith Formation Jenny Yuskewich</p>	<p>No Report. Jenny indicated that books on the topic of mercy would be distributed to the parish Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.</p>
<p>Education Fr. Bolte reporting for Trey Nix</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Elevate has met twice and is making use of social networking,</li> <li>2. Lenten Bible Study has 30-40 participants</li> <li>3. A new program is being discussed called "Drinking with the Saints,"</li> <li>4. Elizabeth Cochran is the contact with St. Henry High School, reports will be forthcoming</li> <li>5. With confirmation concluded, there is a slight reduction in the numbers of students attending PSR classes</li> <li>6. St. Timothy Registration for next year is starting with raise in tuition by \$5.00. Classes are filling without a problem, soccer is scheduled with Catholic School League, PTA is starting.</li> <li>7. School staff is working not to have school overshadow the parish activities. A discussion followed concerning a possible restructuring of Parish Council with members of various pillar chairpersons being members of the council.</li> </ol>

<p>Community Phil Sheehy</p>	<p>Fish Frydays have gone extremely well. 800 meals were served the first week and 1200 were served the second week. Fire Prevention was discussed as well as the need for a center line in the parking lot to facilitate traffic flow.</p>
<p>Diocese PC Representative Michael Vogt</p>	<p>A deanery meeting will take place on the March 12 at All Saints Church to discuss items recommended in the diocesan synod plan. The final report is due on March 14<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<p>Youth Ministry Michael Vogt</p>	<p>There are 22 active members in Youth Programs. Highlights of their activities included snowboarding, preparation of the Good Friday Passion Play, a “Lock In” next month and the sale of donuts at the annual concert in May.</p>
<p>Pastor’s Report</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reconciliation has been well received.</li> <li>2. There has been a change in bids and bidders with start-up on the expansion expected in about two weeks.</li> <li>3. Planning for the building of the school is moving positively. There were several alternatives in the original plan and these included the gym, two additional work areas, a resource area. The architect is holding the line on expenses but pricing is at issue. Final details of the plan are</li> </ol>

	<p>expected by the end of the month. A request for bids should be made in April. Fr. encouraged the council to forward “business cards” of possible contractors to him.</p> <p>4. Fr. is seeking a grant from the Cook Foundation in the amount of \$8,000 to outfit the school with religious items.</p> <p>5. The meeting with the county commission (see last month’s minutes) went well. Essentially, we are waiting for “second readings” and final approval. Unless there are serious objections at the second reading, the plans should be approved. There is no indication of disapproval.</p> <p>6. A discussion of the grants to St. Charles Academy and the Ed Colina Foundation took place. The issue is resolved.</p>
<p>Closing Prayer Sue Keller</p>	
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	

## **Pillar Reports for March Parish Council Meeting**

### **Outreach Committee**

#### **February 2016 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: February 18, 2016

Paul Westhoff, Reporting

In Attendance: Lisa Casteel, Deborah Murray, Carolyn Rennekamp, Katy Sullivan

The meeting started with prayer.

No quorum present, minutes from January meeting were not approved. Numbers were down a bit at the January meal at Mary Rose Mission. MRM hopes to be serving breakfast on Mondays soon. The March meal will be on Easter Sunday. We will be looking for volunteers to help serve.

Father has asked St Vincent de Paul to share some of their experiences so far with the parishioners at Mass sometime in the future.

The mission trip to Mississippi has about 10 people confirmed at this time.

The day of prayer and reflection held on Jan 30 was discussed.

The biggest topics were better communication within the parish. Katie will try to get more information out on Facebook. The parish calendar needs to be continually updated.

Poverty was an issue brought up. We need to work on making people aware of the homeless in our area by possibly putting a visual aid in the back of church.

Substance abuse and mental health were also discussed. We thought maybe we can start a relationship with the Brighton Recovery Center in Florence.

For the RA Jones project of assembling bikes with the students, background checks will be needed. The background checks on file at St. Timothy are not able to be used. We need to determine who will have to pay for them.

The garden committee had a planning meeting on February 16. Dave will not be doing deliveries this year, we will need volunteers.

The volunteer appreciation dinner will be March 15.

The next grant project will be with the Emergency Shelter. We will be serving dinner on February 24.

40 cans for lent has started. Food will go to Go Pantry, City Heights & SVDP. We will be providing meals for the homebound if they request one on a Friday during Lent. Our service project at the Fish Fry will be on March 18. We will be putting together socks and toiletries to give to the homeless.

NKY Hunger Relief wants to do a service project with us here at St. Tim's. We think it is a good idea.

Katy will get in touch with them to set something up.

We discussed the proceeds from the annual yard sale and what groups benefitted in 2015 and where the money may be used in 2016.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

The next meeting will be March 10.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Casteel

## **Education Report**

Trey Nix, Reporting

Registration for the preschool has gone very well. We only have 12 spaces left and we are continuing to give tours. The Kindergarten Readiness Class is full. The kindergarten is full and the first grade has four spaces available. We do expect those to fill soon. We are in the process of evaluating teacher and assistant performance and completing professional growth plans. As part of the evaluation process, we have changed our timing of our strategic planning session. Typically this is done in the fall, but we are working on our strategic plan for next year and the following three years now. This will provide us time over the summer to arrange trainings and make changes and adjustments as the school begins instead of mid-year.

Our last service learning project was our Super Hero Celebration. We had approximately 50 firemen, EMT's and Policemen attend lunch and then we sent back dinner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts of the Boone County Sherriff's Department. We have received several thank you letters and they seemed to truly appreciate the cards from the families. Our next service learning project will be in conjunction with the outreach ministry of the parish and it will involve working with Ed Colina and the children of Saint Timothy Preschool in Africa.

I am pleased to announce that Saint Timothy Catholic School will have kindergarten and first grade soccer teams for the fall. We are working on

recruiting coaches and there will be a training here for all the coaches to introduce our sports handbook and to emphasize that the children are expected to say a prayer prior to the game (as a team) and at the close of each game.

We are beginning to create a Parent Ministry Team for the kindergarten and the first grade. This group will have a Facebook page and work to promote activities for the school and activities to tie the school and the parish together.

## **ST. TIMOTHY PSR**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

Carol S. Lense

**PSR ~ grades 1 – 7**

**Sunday Preschool 3 and 4 year olds – Kindergarten**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

### **Current & Upcoming Events:**

- The PSR classes are participating in the 40 cans for Lent outreach program by helping to provide the requested items from GO Pantry. We are also packing and decorating the boxes that GO PANTRY will deliver in the month of June.
- We will be leading the Stations of the Cross this Friday after the Fish Fry. Come and out pray with us!
- The Jesus Retreat is coming up on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 4 pm in Brodnick Hall. The RCIC students and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in PSR, homeschools and Catholic schools will come together to increase their knowledge about Holy Communion. This retreat is often known as one of our best. The children will be making commemorative crosses to decorate the Church for their Sacrament Celebrations, learning about the Passionist Nuns, who make the host for Communion, making Lenten Bread (which we also call pretzels) and speaking with Deacon Tom and his wife Jeanne, who will help them practice how to take Holy Communion.
- The future confirmation class, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders, will begin signing in when they attend Mass this weekend. We are focusing as much attention as we can on the PSR program being a companion to regular Mass attendance.

With our Confirmation Classes we require weekly Mass attendance. In order to confirm their faith, they need to be practicing it.

- Children's Liturgy of the Word happens during the 9:30 and 11:30 masses on PSR weekends. We typically have 40-60 students between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade joining us for the Liturgy. We have recently been blessed with the Deacons taking part in this program, which is a special treat for our children. We are always looking for additional Liturgical Ministers for this program.
- The Sunday Preschool offers a 3+4 year old and Kindergarten class at 9:30, and a combined age class at 11:30. We currently have over 35 children enrolled in these programs.

### **Planning & Long Range Projects:**

- Registration for the 2016 2017 PSR school year will begin this month on the 19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup>. PSR students will be sent home with a registration form the week prior.
- First Holy Communion is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am and 2 pm. We will have 90 students celebrating this Sacrament with us this year.

The Diocese is creating a working binder of the curriculum expectations for each grade to create a higher standard in selection of a literature program to eventually replace the current "Blest are We". We have a review meeting this month to discuss the individual class guidelines. Representatives from RCL Benzinger will be in attendance

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