

Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2017

Present: Fr. Prakash, John Bacon, Tracy Hartley, Dan Lay, Romeo Opichka, Steve Scalzo, Philip Stramski and Joe Tytanic. **Absent:** Ali Brzozowski

Call to Order: Joe Tytanic called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for silence of cell phones. Joe Tytanic asked for visitors to refrain from commenting as visitors will have an opportunity to comment on items discussed at end of meeting. Joe read off the agenda items for members and visitors.

Opening Prayer: Steve Scalzo

Approval/Changes of meeting minutes: There was a mixup about the minutes. Tracy's minutes were the wrong one. She will send the corrected one out. Once she sends, she asked the Council to reply with comments/negative response. Tracy made motion that approval of minutes be held until review may be made. Romeo asked to make the subject as Minutes instead of Agenda in the subject field when sending out.

Old Business:

Church Projects/Repair Update: John Bacon. Worked on the projector system last month and hopefully it is running right. Re-did/repainted Father's shower floor. Tracy said that they did stream the football game when the youth did Indian tacos. Had quite a bit of trouble keeping it going. The projector did fine. Might be Wi-Fi. John said that it wasn't the Wi-Fi but Cox. Tracy said it looked like we had 3-4 bars, but then it would just freeze up. John said it freezes up in the office. Steve said that his freezes up in his home. You can get it fixed. Joe said at the beatification that we showed up here, worked really good except every 30 minutes he had to re-hit it. Had to do with the sleep and would convert to DVR. Tracy said that they had the sleep turned off, so it would not go to sleep. Figured it might be quite a few people watching the game. Dan said that he will get a hold of Mike. He said that it is a dual band for Wi-Fi. Set up one band for RE instructors and for everyone do their phones on and maybe he can set the other up for videos.

Benches. Steve Scalzo. Benches are here. They are in Father's garage. There are two of them and a little bag of bolts stuck on the posts. Pretty easy to bolt them together. Mark them and sink in the ground. Heavy duty. Coated really nice. Red coloring is a pretty thick rubbery stuff. Joe said he needed Steve and Father to stake where they wanted them, so he can dig when he has free time. They have cement in the garage. Steve said we wanted one by the tree by sidewalk. Father said one facing east and one facing south. One on the south side looking at the playground and one facing east just on the other side of the sidewalk by the trees. Father said on the north side facing south towards the playground. Joe said if it is in the shade, it will be on the north side of the sidewalk. John said that there is not much room between the sidewalk and the tree. Dan said the sidewalk is fairly wide there. Steve

said that it is wider than the one running north and south. One running north and south; we can put one on the west side of the sidewalk facing east towards the playground by the small tree on the corner. The other one will be on the north side of the sidewalk going in to the RE facing south. Joe said we can have a work day. Steve asked if Joe had an auger. Joe said he has an auger. Steve said you can punch holes easy with that as long as you don't have electrical. John said that is what you have to watch for. Steve agreed especially on that north side. Have to watch out for it there. Joe said we don't need that much cement or have to go that deep. Steve said we really need to know how deep to go so some people's knees are not up to their chin or for shorter people having the Lily Tomlin thing in the big, giant chair. Does not remember mark on the post to say here is where you put it. Need to make a measurement. John said put them together and set them there and see. Joe is not sure how firm that ground is because when he transplanted the fruit trees, there is a lot of clay. Can use that front-end loader to push them in because they are pretty heavy duty. Just have something on it to keep from scratching. Steve said that you would bust bolts. Joe would not think you would bolt it together. Steve said you would have a line-up problem. John said you would need to put it together, set it, mark where you want it to be, move it and then dig your holes. Otherwise, you will not get it in there right. Joe said we need a workday then. John said you do not have to go very deep. Can use a post hole digger. You are not going as deep as you did with trees.

New Year's Eve Party: Tracy Hartley/Philip Stramski. Waiting to clear with Father what was discussed last month. We were waiting to make sure having the Parish pay. What we were looking at doing is to have everyone bring a potluck appetizer; they would also bring their own alcohol. We would look at Parish to providing decorations, D.J., lemonade, tea, coffee and some of the set-up cost. Father confirmed: decorations, D.J. and soft drinks. Joe said D.J. cost is \$300. Tracy said figured cost to be about \$500-\$600. Father agreed it is ok. Tracy made up a flyer but did not want to make up a bunch until it was approved by Father. It is from 9:00-12:30; Sunday, December 31st. Joe asked if it was parishioners only. Tracy said no – we were going to post around the church, put in the bulletin, but if people want to bring other people they can. We were not going to post around town. But if anyone wants to invite others, they are welcome to. Philip said another thing we were looking at is to have an adult only and have a babysitter in the RE building. Church would cover cost for babysitter or can have parents help offset cost. Steve recommended that it be free. Joe asked if we were asking for donations. I said I put on the flyer that we would have donations at the door if they want to. They are not obligated. Tracy said on the flyer, asked for potluck appetizer to share, BYOB. etc. Father asked what type of participation we are expecting. Tracy said if we can get information out, we would have a good turnout. We are not selling tickets so we will not have a count. Joe asked how many we were going to set up for. Tracy said maybe 200? 300? 250? Philip said about 200. Important thing is to get it advertised. We are a little behind the power curve as we speak on the advertising. Get it out there. Most people will make up their mind that morning. But people need to have on their radar. Be aware of it. Joe said since it is free, if you start advertising, would be good. Tracy said what she planned on is when we finished the meeting and she has approval, she was going to run more off. She didn't want to print a bunch up until we had the OK. She will print on cardstock paper. When she comes up on Saturday for Mass, they will be up for the weekend. We will contact to put in the bulletin; but it is too late for Kathy to put in bulletin for this Sunday. Joe said we can have it in the announcements. Tracy

will email Kathy. Joe said we should set up for at least 300. Be best to have more set up especially with decorations. Tracy said she has quite a few decorations; may not need to spend a lot on decorations.

Trees – Tracy Hartley. Tracy asked if he talked to Tony? Joe said he was going to talk to Tony's brother. Joe talked to Father to let him know that there were some concerns. Father said that we can wait and hold off. We had some questions at our meeting when Father was not here. Some thought it would block the view of the church. Gave Father an update. If they do not want to do it now, we don't have to do it. Whatever the Council wants to do. Steve commented that we already had two trees blocking the view. They will be roughly the same size tree. Those are not big trees. Joe commented that it is a change. It was a shock when they took the trees down. Just the change is a shock. If we put more up, that is another change. Philip said that he thinks it is better to not put so much out there. Maybe like two trees on each side. Tracy said yes and limit what we do. And like Dan said, do not have to even line them up. Put around different places. Tracy's biggest concern is really blocking the view of our church, Family Center, dome. Even the two trees that are there now, they are blocking the view of the church. If it were up to her, she would relocate the two trees that are up there, so you can focus on the statue and the church. We have such a pretty church. If we are going to do something, agree with Dan to maybe put them around in center instead of lining up along the parking lot. Maybe put some benches out there for people to sit. Joe said Tracy was talking about lining up more in front of the Rectory. Tracy said yes. Over there, there is not as much of an issue to block the rectory. She focused on putting more trees on the south side. If we are going to put one on the north side between where the crepe myrtles already are, she suggested only one tree on the north side and one or two on the south side if we want more shade for the rectory. Remember that you are having people donate. You definitely want to do the guarantee for the year, because if people are donating, and you are getting a plaque for it, you do not want your tree to die. Joe said that he will call Tony's brother; we have plenty of time. Tracy said that they are running 25% off this week as she heard on an advertisement because it is time to plant shrubs, trees and fertilizer. Steve said that plants and trees enhance architecture. He would not want the front of the church to be bare without anything out there. He is not the one to decide where trees should go. When he looks at the statue of Pope John Paul, the plants put around it, big plants in back, little plants in the front – not big plants in the front. They look nice, but landscape architecturally, it is off. So, you should have put the large ones in back. What can you put out front? Can we ask someone? We want to put 2-3 trees out there; need to ask someone where to put those trees. He happens to like the trees around the statue like a pathway. But, everybody likes it open to focus the statue. Doesn't mean there cannot be trees or shrubs to enhance instead of one big area like a farm all around it and statue in middle. Should be something there. Does not want to block the view but enhance the view. Just like he wants to enhance the view of the statue; If someone let him do it, there would be smaller plants in front and then as they went around, they would rise up towards the back. Would like to do that with the front of the church too to enhance the beauty in front of the church. Not to just throw a tree up for shade. If we are interested in shade for the rectory, we can put trees over there because it will not deter the front of the church. Can also put a couple on the north side too; it would not hurt anything either. Joe said that if the Council wants, when he contacts Tony's brother, he can have him come out and look at it to give his recommendation. Steve said would he come out? Tracy said he would probably send someone out. Steve said that he would just like it to look nice whether we go

around the church or we want to put them in a certain way. Tracy said when it was originally started, it was mentioned to put along the parking lot. So, when the person Tracy talked to, that was the way we presented it to them. There really was no discussion about enhancing or really doing landscaping out front. Now, you are getting into maybe shrubs and other things instead of tall trees. If you are talking landscaping, you are talking more than just trees. Steve is talking about someone that knows landscaping to decide where a tree should go instead of taking post hole diggers and dropping one in. By the way, Crepe Myrtles are not trees, as far as he is concerned. They are not trees, they are shrubs. Realize they get tall. We talked about those too. He wants someone that knows a good place to put trees. Maybe we have people in this church that know that. We have people that know landscaping. If you line it up, that is easy. Tracy said she would like to see our church but that is her opinion. John B. said that he heard people say that they do not want trees because they like the way the church looks without them. Joe said that is what Father said when he mentioned about the different opinions. There is no rush. We don't have to do it this year. We can wait. Father said his personal opinion, he likes trees. If people say it is better now, that is ok. Steve said that if you look from the back, does not like that because the trees blocked the church. But, from the front, you can see the church and would not want that full of trees. But there is some way to put the trees to enhance it. Should not just buy trees to throw one on one end and one on the other. Philip made a motion to table this for now until we can look into it further for now; Tracy second. Dan said that he would not table it yet; just get Tony's to send someone out that can provide professional advice and go from there. Joe asked if Tracy wanted him to contact Tony's brother; she said that he should. She had sent out the information she received from when she contacted them. Steve said that we need to tell them that we are interested in a couple of things so that we can satisfy the people of the parish. Joe said that when he gets it set up, he will text the information out and anyone that wants to be there, can be there to ask questions. Philip said that his point was to table it until we get more information we need.

New Business: Philip Stramski. Philip wanted to discuss the hot water because we do not have it. Joe said that we can talk about it after the meeting.

Fathers Comments: Father Prakash. Father thanked everyone for prayers for his pilgrimage. It was a good experience and he prayed for us all. Father wanted to add one more Mass for December 25th for Christmas. We normally have Masses 24th night at 11:00 p.m. and 25th 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. between the two parishes. Would like to add one more for the 24th evening in McCloud. Tracy asked would it be at 6:00 p.m. or earlier? Father said 6:00-7:00 p.m. Is 7:00 too late? Steve said some people are working on Christmas Eve. Tracy said she is thinking at 6:00 p.m. Father said that Holy Day of Obligations are at 7:00 for sake of those working. Steve said that most people get off early. Joe suggested 6:00 p.m. Tracy asked what day does Christmas Eve fall on this year? 24th is a Sunday. So, Father will have three Masses in the morning and two Masses in the evening 6:00 and 11:00. Father asked about the 11:00 p.m. Mass or should it be earlier? Steve said we use to do music at 10:30 p.m. and the Mass at 11:00 p.m. Tracy asked if choir is still planning anything like that for Christmas or discussed any of that? Father said that it is too early. Janet Martin said that Starla was handing out music next week. Steve asked if Mass had to finish at midnight or started before to be called a Midnight Mass? He never called Mass here Midnight Mass because it does not occur at Midnight. Long time ago

we had at Midnight. Tracy said it ends at Midnight. Father said that he never saw the church full at Midnight Mass. Use to be full. Father noticed between the three Masses all together, the attendance is much less than Sunday Mass attendance. It is supposed to be more than that. He would like to add one more Christmas Mass so they do not have to go to another parish for Mass. Steve said if you do a 6:00 p.m., the Midnight Mass will have even less. Ones with kids will go at 6:00. Father said that it would be better opportunity. Steve said you may load up McCloud. Joe said that it would be better to have at Harrah. Father said that have here at 6:00 and Midnight at McCloud? Tracy said that you have the choir at Midnight Mass unless they all want to change and do 6:00. Father said that for this year, let's do 6:00 p.m. in McCloud; 11:00 p.m. in Harrah; 8:00 a.m. at Harrah and 10:00 a.m. McCloud. Father gave out rosaries to the Council he brought back from his pilgrimage.

Visitor Comments

Janet Martin asked who brought up the idea that we need to plant more trees? Father said he brought it up to replace the trees we cut out. Janet said that it looked nicer after they got cut out. Father said that he would go with majority – he just likes trees. Janet said that there is a lot of work with trees. You cannot just plant them and forget about them. You spend thousands keeping them up looking good, spraying them. She does not feel that trees are necessary. Steve did say he spends about \$1000 a year for three trees keeping them trimmed up to keep from breaking in winter. Pat Jorski said that when they break, then you have to worry about cleaning it up. Pat also asked who is the D.J. Edie Visnieski. George and Suzanne Visnieski's daughter-in-law. She is very outgoing. She lives in Weatherford. Moved there because of husband's work. Pat made a comment regarding survey about putting an elevator in for the choir. There is not very much room to put it. If she gets to where she cannot climb up the stairs, then it is time for her to stay out of there. Tracy said that if they redo the cry room, then you would have the room. Joe said that it is upstairs that there is not the room. So, the issue is upstairs. Pat said that the only place they could move it is on the north side and there would not be a place to put your music. Tracy said they do have the chair lifts that you can sit on and it would take you up.

There was a brief discussion regarding the hot water in the kitchen.

Tracy said that the Youth Group sold 175 dinners. That is not counting feeding the workers. Steady flow all day long.

Joe reminded the Council to get items on the agenda just text, email prior to the meeting. He puts it together and sends to Father for approval.

Next Meeting: December 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Assignment of Prayer: John Bacon

Motion to adjourn: Philip made motion to adjourn; Steve seconded. Motion carried.

Joseph C. Fytan

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