



**SAINT GILBERT  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

**PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA**

**October 23, 2018**

- Opening Prayer
- Attendance
- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
- Old Business
  - Deanery Update
  - CRHP Retreats
  - Recap – Raffle, Fall Festival, Find Your Greatness, Reboot
- New Business
  - Parish Update – Fr. John
  - Recruiting new members – Andrea Velasquez
  - Pastoral Council – Website Content
  - Bible Study - Thirsting for God Thursday
  - Lenten Mission
  - Renew My Parish Retreat
    - What about other retreats we want to host or plan?
  - Alpha Program
  - New Young Adult Ministry
- Closing Prayer and Adjournment



## Parish Council Notes from October 23, 2018

### Attendance:

Fr. John	Raul Venzon	Daphne Kinzig (scribe)
Sr. Donna	Letty Medina	Angie Fisher (absent)
Fr. Christian		

### Call to Order:

7:05 PM. Opened with hymn *All You Works of God* and the prayer *Autumn Equinox Fire Prayer*.

### Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

No changes.

### Old Business:

#### Deanery Update:

- Debbie Borsic did not attend meeting to update the council.
- Darlene wants to roll off the Deanery, currently too much on her plate.
- We decided to wait until we have a full council before seeking new Deanery representation.

#### CHRP Retreat:

- Men's retreat is scheduled for November 3, 2018, only four men signed up.
- Women's retreat is tentatively scheduled for February 2019.

### New Business:

#### Parish Update by Fr. John:

- Our annual fundraiser, the truck raffle raised right under \$40K – a success.
- The Fall festival was nicely attended, raising \$12K from the silent auction. Next year's festival is scheduled for August 25, 2019.
- Parish Council
  - We need to find new members to fill the vacant roles (4). Fr. John will ask Jeanne to post openings in the bulletin.
  - Letty asked Fr. John to consider Paul Spheeris & Andrea Velasquez.
    - **Action:** Letty will call both to discuss their interest on the council.
  - Daphne suggested speaking to Barb Shoemaker for senior representation.
  - Need to be transparent with the congregation & publish notes online. Once approved by Fr. John, Jeanne will upload. Take a look at how other churches post PC notes.



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- Our website content on the PC needs to be updated. Can begin circulating changes via email exchange?
- Father Jose will be installed at St. Timothy's on October 28. Some of the congregation will attend.
- *Find Your Greatness Retreat*
  - We received a lot of good feedback. Could relate to the message.
  - A non-catholic was converted after the retreat.
  - People don't believe why they need to go to church. We must get into the habit of prayer and hearing the message.
  - Letty commented that we need to form disciples.
  - The sexual abuse scandal is hurting the Church, hypothesis leading to low attendance. Low attendance resulting in low income.
  - One church held a Q&A to discuss the abuse, perhaps we should too.
  - Can we incorporate greetings to those around you at the beginning of mass to establish relationships with those we see all the time?
  - Fewer people selecting the priest vocation leading to resource constraints.
- Bible Study – Phyllis Steffan is willing to start the group. Fr. John wants to use the Jeff Cavin's guide – follow along with exercises.
  - **Action:** Will publish in the bulletin to solicit new ministry & invite leaders.
  - **Action:** Letty will speak with Phyllis and Kim Schlicksup who said they are willing to help coordinate Bible study.

Other discussion points:

- *Alpha Program*
  - A parish tool for evangelization based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation used to spread the good news leading to personal encounters with Jesus.
  - Event at Prince of Peace on Monday, 7-8:30, November 12.
- *Evangelization* – Need to formalize a plan and assign a point person.
- *Lenten Mission*
  - Fr. John is not a big fan; no plan as of yet.
  - Perhaps we can share parish expenses with another church in the future.
  - **Actions:** Need to reach out to John Kartie from the seminary, Deacon Mark, Brad Zamora (Fr. Christian), & Matt O'Donnell to find out availability & fee.
- Ministry Contact list has been updated.
  - **Action:** Daphne will place printed copies at the information desk in the narthex. Jeanne will distribute electronic copies when requested.
- *Relentless Church* (non-Catholic) – Fr. Christian suggested looking at their online presence to improve SGC's website.
- Quinceanera scheduled for November 17, 2018.
- *Renew My Parish* – Fr. Christian wrote content on an update, expected to publish in the October 28 bulletin.



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- *Thirsting for God* praise and worship evening scheduled on Thursday, October 25. Future events will be scheduled pending resource availability; everyone will be notified in the bulletin.
- *Young Adult Ministry* (new)
  - Fr. John is meeting with Robain/Matthew Howard from Atlanta for guidance on a young adult program.
  - The program would consist of kick-off, followed by one event/month starting on 12/9. Three prong spiritual social, initially working on a mission statement.
  - Event thoughts - Dinner at the rectory near the fireplace; Christmas themed activity, ice breaker then transition the chapel for praise.

**Next meeting:**

November 27, 2018, 7-9pm in the Rectory

**Closing:**

Closing prayer at 9:10pm