

Parish Council Notes (Thursday, March 1, 2018)

Roll Call: Fr. Joe Pham, Sr. Michele, Patti Graham, Steve Graham

Recruitment of New Council Members

- Per the bylaws of a Parish Pastoral Council, the Pastor can appoint new members
- Council agreed to recruit new members via:
 - Call for new member applications thru the parish website, facebook page, plus an insert in the bulletin
 - Steve will create a brief write-up for the role of Council Member -
 - Looking for existing Council Members to suggest some potential candidates to approach: (suggestions included: Lisa Rice, John Power, Rich Macdonald)
 - Council will interview and vet the candidates

Text Message Software

- Steve Graham presented a marketing suggestion for the parish (Phone Text Marketing)
- Cost: \$200 1-time set up charge, \$50/month for 1,000 texts (*price will be negotiated lower*)
- Sign up parishioners using their cell phones
- With one click, the parish can send out text messages with graphics, photos, and links to any website
- Software can be used to: promote events, recruit volunteers, Mass and Special Services reminders, etc.
- The service could be offered to the Parish Ministries to promote their events
- Fr. Joe was interested - no final decision made yet - more details to come

Catholic Strong

Fr. Joe explained the campaign to Council members -

Catholic Strong video will be shown at all Masses this week. Father requested that committee members be at the back of the churches after Masses for any questions. There will be a table at the back of St. Margaret's Church with some giveaways. At St. John Vianney, there will be some as well (in the sacristy), but no table because there is not room.

Committee members raised concerns that there was a lot of confusion among the parishioners they visited about the House of Charity and Catholic Strong. Father explained it in simple terms: HOC and Catholic Strong are combined this year. Our first \$164,000.00 will go directly to HOC. All Checks should be made out to CATHOLIC STRONG this year. When making a CATHOLIC STRONG pledge, please keep in mind your normal HOC pledge... ie... if you pledge \$15,000 to Catholic Strong and normally pledge \$500 to HOC, make your pledge for CATHOLIC STRONG \$15,500.00. Michael will send a bulletin blurb that we may use to clarify this even further.

Father will update the bulletin announcement and ask the other priests to discuss the differences. Father will also keep the growing list in the bulletin. A flyer has been designed/developed that should help with the clarification - it will be posted to the parish Facebook page and distributed as a bulletin insert.

To date with clergy we have \$131,200.00 with 11 parishioners and 3 priests making pledges.