

Meeting Minutes October 10, 2017

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

Approval/Changes of meeting minutes: Philip made motion to accept. Dan second. All agreed. Motion carried by all.

Old Business:

Church Projects/Repair Update: Joe Tytanic. Talked to Benson Sound on the Projector. They are coming out tomorrow, hopefully. They are bringing out a new box to hook up the HDMI switch that goes from the project, DVD player and laptop. We purchased another extender with a CAT 5 that we were going to install in the Family Center up on the stage, so we can hook the projector up to it. Not sure if it will work. Larry Benson thought it would work, but we are trying to extend an extender. Tracy asked if it worked for Father Rother's ceremony. Joe said it did; but they had a glitch every 30 minutes. It would go black and Joe had to switch it on box. Every time the DVD went into sleep mode, it would shut viewing off. He would hit the sleep button and it would switch over to DVD. Tracy said you have to make sure it does not go into sleep mode. John Bacon purchased another DVD that is a Blu-Ray. Will have Benson sound hook up because one we have is not a Blu-Ray. We have an old Blu-Ray but would not work in there and we are giving to RE to see if they can use. Dan said that it would work with a regular TV as he took it home and tested it. Hopefully, will get it hooked up. Dan said that hopefully, when you get the new one hooked up, you can give the other to RE also. Tracy said that Sandra has already submitted the request for additional grant money. Hopefully, we can get some more TVs and laptops purchased for the rest of the classrooms.

Joe said that we had an issue with the Zamboni the end of last week. It is the charger. Has a guy that is supposed to call him and come out next week. Romeo and Michael have been trying to work on it. Sometimes it charges and sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes they try a different plug and it works. A new charger is \$599 from Amazon for a new one. More to come on that.

Benches. Joe Tytanic for Steve Scalzo. Steve said they were delayed and would be in this Thursday. Steve told them he was supposed to go pick them up, but they said they would deliver since they were

delayed. They would be in boxes and we can store in Father's garage until we set up a work day to get some help to get them put up. He said he would have them deliver one-day next week.

Steve also wanted to know if RE is using FORMED. We have 65 parishioners registered but did not know if all were using. Wanted to know if people are using. Kelly told him Youth was not using. Re-enrollment is October 22nd. Not sure if you have to do it then. It is \$1750 for both parishes for one year. It was donated last year and would be donated this year if people are utilizing. If 65 people are using, then that is good. Tracy said she would ask the RE teachers if they are using tomorrow evening and would text and let Council and Steve know. Joe asked that if Council members have any feedback to get with Steve. Tracy said that it is something to have that many registered and at least some using it on a regular basis is a good thing and making available to the parishes. Like Steve said that if it is not being utilized, then the parishioner donating may want to donate to something else. Tracy said that some of the teachers may not know how to utilize as she is still teaching some on how to use the equipment. Dan asked if the curriculum led themselves in that direction? Tracy said that if they are covering Saints or certain topics. And you have to remember at what level you are showing. Dan said that it takes pre-planning for sure. Tracy said that she is not sure if teachers have really delved into that as we are still trying to get simple PowerPoints developed since we are starting from scratch. Joe said that our EWTN has videos you can get from the Catholic channel. Tracy said that the ROKU might get utilized more than FORMED. If that was the case, then we could purchase other things. Tracy said the only thing is those people that access FORMED from home would no longer have that capability. Joe said that maybe we want to survey. Philip said that maybe some people are not tech-savvy and we should open up to have an intro to it and have someone run through it (FORMED) to help people navigate. Joe said that if we redo it, we can set up a class in the Family Center. Tracy said Steve should have all of the background to do it. Tracy also said to do it before RE so that the teachers can participate or on a night teachers are here. Philip said that you have church at 6:30 p.m. Tracy said that you can have from 6:00 – 6:30 and then they can go to Mass. Philip said that it may take more than 30 minutes.

New Year's Eve Party: Tracy Hartley. We decided to go with Edie as a D.J. and are doing on December 31st, Sunday. Tracy asked if we were going to collect money to pay for Edie and food or is this something that the Parish wants to do as an event. Joe said that we also need to decide if we want to do for adults only or adults and children and for the money for decorations including balloons up on top which they would pull at midnight and party favors. This is going to be done by Parish Council – having oversight. And get other committees involved. One time, they had a breakfast after the dance and they could make money selling breakfast. Tracy said that if we were going to collect a fee at the door or would give have them pay up front. Or, if we were going to have people come in and Parish cover cost. We were concerned about band or D.J. first. Now we have that, we now need to decide if we want adults only or adults/children. Joe said that what Kelly relayed is that the youth are not interested. Tracy said not unless that parents bring them but the older youth (teenage), they do their own thing for New Years. Tracy said that if the Parish is footing most of the bill, then it should be opened up to families; however, if there will be fee and alcohol, then it needs to be adults only. Dan said he likes the family stuff; but he does not see where this can't just be an adult only thing. Nothing wrong with the adults getting together. Maybe have a babysitter for the young children. Tracy said that it needs to be segregated so

that the children does not migrate up. Joe said that he agrees with that but maybe the babysitter can be in the RE. They had it one time where they were in the youth center, and they migrated up. It is hard to control that. If in a separate building, it would be better. You have TVs and DVDs. Toys in nursery to take over. Tracy said that you could also throw stuff on the floor for them to lay down. Dan said we do not have any events for just adults and do not see any reason not to. There is so many family things we do. Romeo said that if you are going to have a New Year's Eve party, it is an adult event and not for kids. Philip said to have as an adult event, but offer babysitting. At least they know the kids are taken care of and right here. Joe said if Catholic Daughters want to do breakfast, they can have the kids come over at that time. Tracy asked what was the time. Philip said it was 9:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Joe asked about cost. Romeo asked what is inclusive and figure out. Joe said that if breakfast was included it would be more expensive. You have party favors. People can bring their own bottles. Maybe Knights can sell set-ups. Tracy said that late at night, most people would have eaten dinner. You would want to serve some kind of finger foods, tea and lemonade and a dessert. Joe asked if furnished with ticket. Tracy said she can come up with amount. It would depend on your figure of how many. Maybe 100-150. Just like the Elvis show, it is getting the advertising. Joe said that we are getting behind the power curve in getting it out to the community. We used to have it and people would ask if Harrah having dance. That the big deal is advertising. If we want to open up to the community or just parish. Philip said that he was thinking just parish. We can decide next month. Tracy said that if we put out to the parish and then leave it to them to put out to others; let them invite their friends. Joe said that maybe 100 couples we can plan on. Tracy asked how many this can hold. Dan said 600. Tracy said even if we figure on 100 couples, she would put pen to paper on cost of food, party favors, table decorations, balloons, \$300 for Edie, babysitter. Philip said that another way it was done is you will still have to provide for the D.J., decorations, have everyone bring finger food, we provide drink and soda, people bring other drinks, mixers or other beverages; but let everyone bring finger foods. Sounds like we have to set up menu. Who would be setting it up. Tracy said she figured she would be grabbing people to help. Dan said that everyone always brings a lot to potlucks. It is good food. The food would be for everyone. Philip said that the beverages they want to bring, they can have at their table and we can set up a table up for mixers to go with it. Tracy said maybe the parish would pay for Edie and decorations and little stuff. Philip said to do not forget security. Joe said it is \$100 for police. Tracy asked for the night, hour? Joe said for the night. Just for one person. That will be something we need to decide if we want to foot the bill. Joe asked what we were looking as a cost. Tracy said it would be about \$10 a person, if that much, if they are bringing food and their own drinks. Dan asked if we are doing it to make money. Tracy said no. Joe asked if we needed to get donations. Dan asked if we do it to just have fun. Joe said we can have a bucket for donations. Dan asked if we ever do events we do not charge. It is about \$600 - \$700. Tracy said it should be something the church should provide. A good community outreach. Dan said do not put pressure on people to come have fun. Dan said that people need to understand that if you do bring people from outside, then quantity of finger food should be in proportion – that is your entry fee. Tracy said a good entry fee for a night of fun. Philip said the CDA is nixing the breakfast thing. Dan said with finger foods, you really do not need that. Romeo said that the only time he had breakfast in conjunction with New Year's Eve was in the Air Force and they would lock you up inside the club until you had breakfast, so you would not go drive. Dan said we could kick it up a notch and go to Crest and buy fried chicken to go with everyone's finger food. Tracy said that she did not think we would need

that at that late at night. You are there to have fun. Dan said nibbling on stuff is all you need. Romeo said chips, dips, cheese and crackers. Philip said little smokies, pigs in blanket, roll-ups. Keep it simple. Joe said that sounds fine; however, we need to run it by Father in November as far as the parish paying. Philip said that if it is a free deal, nobody is committed to coming. If we are saying we are opening up for the fun of it, then whoever comes – comes. Dan said that we can put up a sign-up sheet that the parish is putting money out for this event, so we know if it is worth our time and we know about how many people will show up for this thing. Otherwise, you have to sell tickets. Philip said we hired a D.J. She is committed. Dan said that you know how much stuff you are committed to. We are having the event for sure – there may only be 2 or 50 people. Someone will be out there dancing. You want people to commit but no way you are going to get that. Tracy continued unless you charge a price. Dan said you want to make it appealing to have people want to be here – happening thing to do in Harrah on the 31st. Tracy said it is the advertising thing again. Getting the word out. And making it sound exciting, and we are doing for the parish, fellowship – again, get the word out. Philip said even if we have the babysitter in RE, maybe we do a game night down in the youth center. Have people socialize down there, opening it up down there with card games, board games. Tracy said it is free. Advertised as New Year's Eve party, where you have D.J. to dance and games. Set up so people can do that since there is not a commitment. Joe asked about poker or something like that if you open up for board games. Tracy said they would have to provide poker chips. Joe said that they would take liquor down there. And then you would need another cop. Tracy said what if you set up in the meeting rooms instead. Philip and Tracy will try to discuss more. Will need to advertise. Joe asked if we wanted to do a motion to take care of adult, babysitter in RE, free, and what we all talked about and parish footing the bill and vote on it. And what Father says next month, if that will happen. Philip made the motion to have a New Year's Eve dance, adult only, babysitting in RE, free to parish to whomever wants to come, we take care of security, finger foods we ask people to bring, we supply D.J., decoration and set-up with soft drinks, tea and lemonade. Romeo second that. All in favor. Motion carried. Dan suggested not to wait until next month to talk with Father. There is no time. Philip said Father has a retreat when he gets back. Dan said that it would only be a short conversation. Tracy said that we do not need to wait. We can make adjustment based on what Father says but move forward with what we have here.

Trees – Tracy Hartley. Tracy talked to Tony's. Tony's is supposed to send an email with pricing list. She also talked to Marcum's Nursery. For trees, want to pick out Pistache now because they are bearing so you can tell if it is male or female, but not plant until they go dormant. Plant between November through February as long as they are in a dormant stage. We would want to pick them out and pay for them now if we wanted to determine male or female. We want males. Joe asked that they do not pick them out or mark them. Tracy said they want you to pick out your own trees. That way you have the ones you want. Dan asked what type of tree. Tracy said Chinese Pistache. It is like the ones we have in the front of the church. We have one female and one male. We want the males. Philip asked how much they were. Tracy said for both companies, they will install the trees if we want that. For Tony's, the installation cost is 70% cost of the tree for installation. Marcum's is 60%. Whatever the price of the trees, the installation is a percentage of the cost. Tony's – Chinese Pistache, they start at \$250 and go up for about a 10-ft. tree. They are supposed to get definite pricing. Depends on the size of the tree they have. It varies. It is based on the base of the tree. For the Crepe Myrtle, they have various colors and

sizes. Tony's did not give pricing on it as she is sending in her pricing list but Tracy has not received yet. Crepe Myrtle does have a chance to freeze but you can cut back and they should grow. They are hardy and can plant at any time. Tracy did have a question about how many we wanted of each. Joe said that we wanted to stagger them but did not want to block the church too much. Tracy said just needing some in front of Fathers. Philip said that about 4-6 total – 3 each. Tracy said depends on how you stack them up. Dan asked about how big the Chinese Pistache ones get. The ones up there now are full grown. They are not very big trees and they are not that wide. You want an odd number of them; it would look better. Tree – Crepe Myrtle – Tree- Crepe Myrtle, etc. Joe asked how big the Crepe's get. Romeo said he has some about 12 feet high. Joe said like the ones at the cemetery. Dan said that if they are trimmed properly, you can also make them look like a tunnel and walk through them. Romeo said that you can trim them, and it makes them grow taller and get bushy on top. Tracy said it depends – there are some that get really tall and some that don't get that tall. There are different sizes. Joe said they probably have hybrids now. We want the tree and not the bush. Again, if you trim back, you can keep under control. Or like the ones at cemetery, they get pretty tall. Marcum's said that for the Chinese Pistache, you can figure about \$90 per inch of the base of the tree. When she talked with them, for a small 5-ft. tree, would be about \$45-\$60. For about a 10-ft. tree, it would be somewhere between \$200-\$300 depending upon the size of the base. That is what they go by. There are different sizes. We would just pick out the ones we want. If they install, they guarantee up to a year. Joe continued that if we install, they would not guarantee? Tracy said they did not say that. Most nurseries allow for a small timeframe. We were talking about installation and they would guarantee up to a year which she assumed was a standard time. They have various colors on Crepe Myrtles ranging from dark reds, pinks, lavenders. Whatever we want in the front of our church. Tracy personally likes the dark reds. Marcum's again said that you figure \$90 for each inch of base. 2-inch base would be \$180. Marcum's price range for Crepe Myrtle that grow into trees – 15-30 gallon would be \$130-\$140 price range. Something along that price range. Look at \$180-\$250 a tree. Joe said a \$300 tree with 70% to put it in would be \$210 to put it in so you would have a \$510 per tree for a 10-ft. tree if it was \$250-\$300. We had discussed parishioners donating a tree and having a memory tree for a deceased loved one. Think it would go over big. Think we would have some parishioners that would want to do that. Think we would want to have it professionally installed for the guarantee. For a 10-ft tree, would look at a \$500 donation if a parishioner wanted to donate. Tracy said pricing for Crepes was \$130-\$140 per tree for a 15-30-gallon range. So, \$140 would be \$90 for the install. Joe said that he can call Tony because he knows him personally and let him know it is for a Catholic church and if he can cut us a deal because he is getting beat by another company. Tracy did not talk to Tony. She talked to a female there. Joe said we need to pick them out now. Tracy said both companies suggested since they are bearing, and you want to see it before it goes dormant. They hold it until we need it and we can plant between November to late January, early February timeframe. Joe asked Philip if we needed 3 and 3? Philip said he was thinking that with maybe an odd number like it was said. Tracy said we would need to measure it off and see how big the trees get on the width. Tony's is sending that info to Tracy. Joe said that the two out front, we wouldn't want them any closer than that and would you want a tree in between. Tracy said that one of the things we need to remember is that we do not want to take away from our church because we have a very beautiful church and don't want to take away from view. She thinks that maybe we concentrate more on Father's side. Maybe Father wants that shade or just block the view of

the Rectory. Maybe if we don't go down too far on the north side but more on the south side. Philip said that we can prune them up to where they are not bushed and blocking the view. The Pistache you would not have to worry about it bushing up. They grow into a tree. The Crepes will get suckers and you have to prune them up every now and then. Philip said to space them out. Tracy said we need to measure off. Joe said whatever you come up with. Father wants to do them. We want them proportionately. We want them to be same size. Dan asked if we were just looking at lining them up along the parking lot. Joe said that we do not want them too close as where the others were that died because limbs fall. They would be back a little further. Dan asked what all that land out front is for. Just mowed grass. If you are going to put those trees up there, and you have the St. Teresa's center piece thing up there, you can put trees out there along with prayer benches and maybe a sidewalk through it or something. You are going to line the parking lot for no reason. He has not been a big fan of lining the parking lot with trees. Like Phil and Tracy says, you are just going to block the view. If we are thinking about it being something other than a just a mowed area, then might think about in the future, what we would do with it, put those trees for another purpose when you plant them. Just a thought before you decide where you are going to put them. Another consideration. If it is a consensus to line them up the parking lot straight line, every other - great. Just throwing another thought out there. Don't know what we are gaining to line up the parking lot with trees. Tracy asked Joe if there are issues with mowing or does Father have a particular reason why he wants the trees out there? He recommended this. Joe said because we had them before. The trees we had before were huge. They were oaks. They looked nice. Looks totally different now than it did. They looked good the way they were planted. Accents the church and is not all open. What Dan suggested is a good idea. Not sure how to coordinate. Not anything planned for the future out there. Accenting the church was Father's only idea of putting trees back and shading the Rectory. Tracy can ask one of the two to see if they want to give recommendations. The person Tracy originally asked went out of business and she was the one who recommended these because they are hardy for the area and the Pistache are pretty trees. Dan asked how big they get. Tracy said she didn't get information on how big they get. But the ones out front are matured. They are not a tall tree like an oak. More like an ornamental type tree. Joe said that they are about 20-25 feet tall. Joe said he would have trimmed them up higher. Joe said that Dan brought up a good point by staggering. May want to look at. Father's idea was just to accent the church. Philip said maybe line those up more on Father's side in front of the Rectory. Maybe we think how we put those out in front. Tracy said we have some Crepe Myrtle's out in front by the sign. May not need to go far in the parking lot area – just one each. Tracy can step off before RE. Dan said good idea for parishioners to donate. You may get more than just the 6 in front. Joe said that he thinks parishioners would donate. Dan asked how long to give them. Maybe by the end of the year to donate. Joe said that whatever the cost, you also need to include the cost of type of plate too. Those are very expensive at Midwest Trophy. No guarantee. The one on St. John Vianny is peeling up on one corner. He called them on it and they said there is no guarantee. They are not made for outside. Joe said they never told him that. The one on St. Teresa's has been there since 2010 and still good. Some will last forever. Midwest Trophy said there is no guarantee. Some plates are like \$100. Dan said what is the plan on buying the 6 – putting it out there for the parish to donate by the end of the calendar year and still gives you two months to plant. Then you have an idea of how many trees you need to buy. If you get four donations, then figure where you put them and if you get eight, have to figure them out. Tracy said the

only thing we need to do now is to pick out the Pistache. Both said we need to come by and pick out. There may be limited stock. Joe said that can you just go by and pick out. Tracy said that she can ask them if it is something that we have to purchase now, or do they only have limited stock. Dan said with the purchase of 6 trees, you would think they would accommodate. Joe asked if he needs to call Tony. Tracy said that she will send out the price list when she gets with info from Tony's. Then if he wants to talk to Tony about it further, Joe can contact him. We can step off and make a determination of how many we need. But the Crepe Myrtles can wait. Just need to pick the Pistache. We need the price, so we can get donations. Tracy did not know how big we were looking at getting. Philip said we do not want a bush, something tall enough but does not hide the church. Tracy said that she meant as to what size we wanted to get. If we wanted something small and have them grow up or more of a mature tree because it depends on the base size. Joe said he would think about a 10-foot. Tracy agreed. Thinks the 5-ft would be more like a twig.

Electronic Church Sign: Joe Tytanic. Joe has not done anything with it since he had gotten the bid. Was higher than expected.

Flooring: Joe Tytanic. A.J. sent Joe information on flooring. Have not looked into it yet. Cement one. Tracy said that is a good idea. Romeo confirmed that we were talking about polished concrete. Joe said yes.

New Business:

Distribution of Charitable Money: Joe Tytanic. Do not have to decide this month. John said that he would like to have it go to Catholic Charities for the earthquakes in Mexico and hurricanes. Steve had no preference. Father gave Joe a letter from Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma. They are the ones we get our grant money from. We have collected \$9,100 from this. Joe read the challenge grant letter from the Foundation. Father said we will still get grant money but thought it was good to give money back to this charitable organization. Steve thought it was an excellent idea. He does wheelchair races and a non-profit sponsors him and he donates back to that. Would be for this also. If we want to give to more than one. This might be considered. Tracy asked how much do we have? Joe said over \$5k. About what we did last time. Philip, like he said last year, we stick to things such as pantries and pro-life in the spirit of giving. Helping families – outreach. Tracy asked who we gave to last year. Philip said Sister B.J.'s pantry, Birthchoice, Father Prakash and St. Vincent de Paul. Joe said \$1226.64 each. Philip said 3 our choice; one Father's choice. Joe said we can decide next month. Dan said that if we considered the John thing, they are calling for it now. They need urgently. Philip said they will need for a time to come. It was announced for this coming Sunday. Dan said due to the urgency in gathering funds, can go online. Tracy said that she also thinks that St. Vincent de Paul is still a good idea. Joe said we can split between five different ones. Philip made a motion to do between five groups: St. Vincent de Paul, Sister B.J.'s Pantry, Catholic Charities for hurricane relief, Birthchoice and Catholic Foundation of Oklahoma. \$1k each. Dan seconded. All agreed. Motion carried.

Thanksgiving dinner: Tracy just asked if there was anything that was needed for the upcoming dinner. Tracy didn't know if there was anything in the kitchen that needed to be done. Philip said Knights will be cleaning stove like they normally do. Date not set yet but will do prior to dinner. Tracy just wanted to make sure nothing is out. Philip said Altar Society would be one to ask. Joe said only thing they mentioned was redoing the floor. Cannot do that yet. So, cleaning it really good before they come out to inspect. Tracy said she was just checking to make sure there wasn't anything that was out that needed fixing. Joe said he will ask Debbie Birdsong. She and Bernadette Klimkowski would be the ones to talk to.

Fathers Comments: Father Prakash. Father out.

Visitor Comments:

Pat Jorski. Dance. So many different pros and cons. You can have open to public. They can make a donation and you can also sell set-ups. Joe said we would furnish set-ups. Pat said people are making plans now. Need to advertise. Hopefully, we will have good weather. Does agree to have kids over in RE due to alcohol.

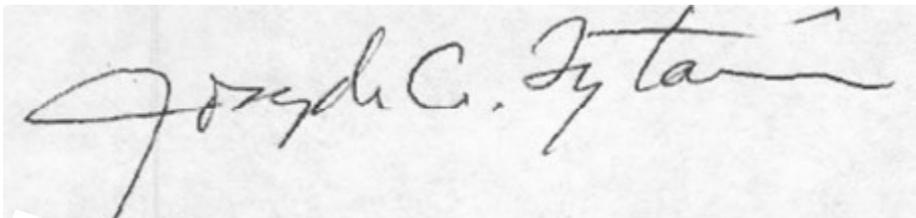
Council Comments:

Philip asked about feedback on the Building Committee results. Joe said he thought they were going to post results this weekend. Categorized 1-... Had meeting with architect and Stan for pricing on different things voted on. Think #1 vote was the safe room. #2 – RE entry moved and drive through. Another idea on drive-thru. Drive thru as a double lane, drop off and circle around and go out between garage and Rectory. And you could also pick up on southeast entrance. Moving parish offices. 1st for Church: Security for the doors. Allowing access for parishioners and cameras inside the church. Moving Tabernacle. Redoing the cry room. Moving it in the Family Center where the brick wall comes out. Put glass all the way up, flat screen TV. Benches to sit and restrooms right there. Have access to Communion. Where old cry room, expanding rest room out. Enclose window. Take wall out and build countertop. And make a bigger restroom and move door. Last is elevator.

Next Meeting: November 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Assignment of Prayer: Steve Scalzo

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

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