**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**January 31, 2023**

**Present:** Fr. John, Van Ziegler, Dan Fritch, Luke Messmer, Ben Schwenk, Pam Freyberger, Lynn Scheu, Tracie Ihle, Dave Kramer, Maggie Schneider, Tim Bell, Jason Nord, and Irma Alanis, Tammy Mehringer, Kathy Gutgsell

**Absent:** Fr. Homero, Fr. Christian

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Van Ziegler.

**Opening Prayer –** Van led us in prayer.

Dan Fritch made a motion to approve the November 2022 Parish Council minutes. Jason Nord seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Review of Masses/Feedback**
   1. Christmas Mass – 4:30 PM strong attendance with increasing numbers being seen since back in church. Averaging 1600+ per weekend
      1. Needing to come up with an attainable goal that is measurable for increasing attendance in 2023
   2. Opening of Church – well attended and all went great
   3. Feedback from Congregation – mostly all positive with a few constructive criticisms:
      1. Kneeler angles not right – will be getting fixed
2. **Weddings**
   1. No weddings to be scheduled after 2 PM and must be out by 3:30 PM
   2. Tracie Ihle currently only coordinator and needing to secure 2 more
   3. Itemized document needs to be created to show bride/groom what coordinator is responsible and what services will be provided to them
   4. Coordinator attends Friday rehearsal and Saturday wedding mass
   5. Coordinator is paid $175 and this fee is now bundled into wedding cost to couple
   6. Non-parishioner wedding cost $1,750
   7. Parishioner wedding cost $500
3. **Office/Personnel**
   1. Welcome to Kathy Gutgsell who started at 1st of year
   2. Looking to hire for Joyce’s position that is now open
4. **Guidebook Update**
   1. Proof has been reviewed and has been sent back to publisher to get advertisements and then be mailed to parishioners
   2. Flock Note sign up will be tried with pew cards
   3. Need to get membership updated due to many people attending St. Joe’s aren’t registered as parishioners
5. **Baptisms**
   1. Official guidelines for baptisms are during or after 4:30 PM Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday masses unless a special time is otherwise worked out that doesn’t conflict with anything
6. **Golf Scramble Update**
   1. Weekend options: May 20/21, June 10/11, June 17/18, June 25
   2. Start @ 1 PM @ Buffalo Trace
   3. Need 20 teams to close the front 9 and 25 teams to close entire course
7. **Annual Ministry Fair**
   1. Plan for during Lent on March 11/12 and 18/19
   2. Each commission will create poster presentation to advertise what their commission does
   3. On display in Kundek Hall
8. **Flock Note Sign Up**
   1. See #4b above
9. **Parish Google Calendar**
   1. Evdio uses this and Dan wants to evaluate

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Our Time**
   1. Hit our $10 million goal
   2. Dan to update congregation soon
2. **Church Sound Update**
   1. Meeting on 2/3 to address acoustics and lighting
3. **Communication between masses/priests**
   1. Need masses to all be done the same due to reports of people getting confused
   2. Ushers have been asked for consistency
4. **Parking lot accidents/issues**
   1. There have been a few accidents due to parking spaces being tight in the north lot

\*Topics for new business added during meeting:

\* February 19 there will be an appreciation breakfast for choir after 9:00 AM mass

\* Versiti will continue to hold blood drives with Becky Beckman running the drives

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**FINANCE:** *Dan Fritch*

* Financial Review (December 2022)
  + Budgeted Income $670,580.00
  + Actual Income $1,008,334.19
  + Variance $337,754.19 \*We took a distribution from the Catholic Foundation of $270,161 for the year
  + Budgeted Expenses $755,408.59
  + Actual Expenses $690,168.71
  + Variance $65,239.88
* Sunday Collections YTD
  + December 2022 Sunday Collection YTD 13 collections $593,809.72 -- Weekly average $22,838.84
  + December 2021 Sunday Collection YTD 13 collections $552,948.89 -- Weekly average $21,267.27
* CPC – assessment amount $318,186.00
  + Pledged Amount $297,106.00 93.3% of goal
  + Cards Returned 806 out of 1646 49% participation
    - Actual shortfall $21,080 – Budgeted shortfall $65,000
* Our Time Capital Campaign Update (Goal $10,000,000)
  + Total pledges $10,013,317.01
  + Pledge balances due $811,752.31

**PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE:** *Tracie Ihle*

* **Adoration update**: Adoration hours and times will remain the same
  + Wednesday 12:30PM – 8PM and Thursday following evening Mass.
  + Holy Thursday - adoration following the 6:30PM Mass until Midnight
* **Friday evening Epiphany Adventures and Date Night**: Included babysitting, pizza for the kids, scavenger hunt, crafts and Susan Fowler the storyteller. This was like a mini-VBS giving the parents an opportunity to go out on a date. The parents were super grateful! There were 60 children who participated. Grace Soellner assisted. We would love to offer events like this more often - possibly quarterly.
* **Epiphany Mass:** The children who dressed as the Three Wisemen had a wonderful experience Epiphany weekend. They were selected from the First Communion class. We had the Three Wisemen present (all different children) at the 4:30pm, 7:30AM, 9:00AM and 10:30AM Mass times.
* **Bible in a Year** with Fr. Mike Schmitz is going well. Many parishioners are listening to this podcast and/or the catechism in a year. It is possible to start this at any time and take one’s time going through the daily scripture/commentary.
* **Mass in a Month during LENT:** Mass in a Month will be led by Fr. Christian as part of the Eucharistic Renewal plan. Please join us Fridays: March 3, 17, 24 & 31 following the 6PM Stations of the Cross in church. Soup and sandwiches will be served, or some type of meatless dish made by the group leading Stations of the Cross, i.e. St. Anne’s, D of I, Stephen ministries... This is like a mini parish mission. Please support this effort and grow in your love of God and neighbor by participating in this opportunity.
* **Mother Theodore Presentation:** Sister Susan Paweski from the Sisters of Providence will be here Wednesday, Feb 1st. Dressed in full habit of that time, Sister Susan enacts the character of Saint Mother Theodore, complete with a Breton accent! She weaves the story of this great saint from her childhood days on the Breton shores of France to her missionary work in Indiana. The event is Feb 1, 6:15PM in Kundek Hall.
* **Divine Mercy Sunday** (April 16, 2023) we are hoping to celebrate Divine Mercy as a community and make this a bilingual event. The graces are abundant for all sinners!
* **Corpus Christi Procession** (June 11, 2023) following the 10:30AM Mass
* **VBS date** will be the third or fourth week of June. Kirsten Voegerl will be the chairperson for this event. The theme “Discover the Mystery” to go along with the Eucharistic Renewal.
* **Saint Joseph is going to host a podcast titled “St. Joe on the Go**” and the host will be Philip Olinger. You can find this on the Facebook page: St. Joe on the Go. Philip hopes to have the first one to kick of Catholic Schools Week at the end of January. He plans to do this weekly.

**EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH**: *Lynn Scheu*

* Developing logo for Philip Olinger’s podcast
* Looking into prayer for all parish families in a year
* January 16 Bingo at Brookside was very well attended, and residents had so much fun

**PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE:**  *Dave Kramer*

* Next Coffee & Conversation is February 12 with Boy Scouts hosting
* Have found a chair for the senior dinner next year
* Working on welcome bags for new members

**LATINO:** *Irma Alanis*

* Had a reunion that was well attended and successful
* Coffee & Conversation has been well liked and would like to continue
* Planning a welcome for new members. Since mass time has changed many new people have been attending mass
* Our Lady of Guadalupe was well attended with the church being full
* Need to develop a quick short form to have available in the back of church for individuals to fill out to officially become parishioners. Irma reports it’s difficult to have proof of sacraments due to hers, for example, being in Mexico.

**SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS**

* Holy Trinity mass pulled in many new people for mass on Sunday
* Fr. Christian did a great tour to RCIA candidates
* Great turn out for memorial mass on Sunday with approximately 200 in attendence
* Steven Ministry volunteered to be table leaders at memorial mass reception

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. John led us in prayer.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

**Submitted by:** Maggie Schneider