**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**November 28, 2023**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Christian, Fr. Darnis, Fr. Homero, Maggie Schneider, Jason Messmer, Luke Messmer, Jason Nord, Richard Kunkel, Tracie Ihle, Lynn Scheu, Dan Fritch

**Absent:** Pam Freyberger, Tammy Mehringer, Irma Alanis, Christine Brinkman, Sarah Kasprzak

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Jason Nord.

**Opening Prayer –** Fr. John led us in prayer.

Jason Messmer made a motion to approve the October 2023 Parish Council minutes. Tracie Ihle made a second motion. All were in favor of approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Storybook of renovation update – Tracie – no updates at this time, goal for guidebook to be sent out at the end of January
2. Social media account/marketing manager progress – Dan – Dan and Fr. John created the title of: Communications and Engagement Coordinator. Fr. John to work on benefits package.
3. Men’s organization update – Fr. John – Fr. John will be meeting with Ed Kreilein and put a list together of what we are looking for. Goal is to combine Holy Name with our new formed group.
4. Updates on progress of 3 question response – Fr. John
   1. Integrate communities more
      1. Pupusa fundraiser – sold out
      2. Paula is continuing to move forward with bilingual songs – new signs are coming for doors and parish center outside
      3. English and Spanish classes – needing someone to host and lead groups – Fr. John has a fe contacts to continue on making these classes happen
   2. More opportunities/ministries/activities for the elderly – bus trip recently taken was not full. About 20 open seats – cost church about $250. Fr. John reports the trip was very nice and individuals from other parishes joined.
   3. More visits to the homebound and ensuring they receive Communion if they desire; more homebound awareness – at this time 9 am mass is covered with no other needs being identified currently.
   4. Men’s organization (see #4 above)
   5. Dinners/dances brought back; bus trips – ongoing with Sarah Kasprzak
5. Chapel dedication to Mother Théodore Guérin – Fr. John – The dedication is still being worked on. A Mother Théodore Guérin statue has been placed on the piano. Insulation will be evaluated as a need to deaden surrounding sounds needs to happen. Looking to have a dedication close to after the 1st of the year.
6. Church’s first dedication celebration – Fr. John – About 50 people attended mass and 25-30 people came for reception. Alan Hoffman presented at the reception.
7. Stewardship program update – Fr. John – No updates at this time.
8. Picture directory update – Tracie – No updates at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Set date for next ministry fair – Jason – An email will be sent out for sign-ups. The last 2 weekends in January are booked: January 20/21 will be Finance & January 27/28 will be Music/Liturgy. In the email, “the ask” will be included. Fr. John to notify the music ministry.
2. Length of lunch time mass – Fr. John – Lunchtime holy day masses are very well attended; therefore the communion lines make it longer. More ministers are needed on these days.
3. How do we make young families welcome with kids who make noise? – Jason – Info bookmarkers need to be placed in the pews that we have used in the past. Previously these bookmarks were used in 2018-2019.
4. Christmas mass schedule - Fr. John – 2 masses will need to be attended to fill obligation for weekend and holy day.
   1. Christmas Eve: 4pm & 6 pm
   2. Christmas Day: midnight, 6 am, 7:30 am, 9 am, 10:30 am (SPANISH)
5. New Year’s mass schedule (not a day of obligation this year)
   1. New Year’s Day: 8 am, 10 am

**Commission Updates:** (top points from each commission lasting 5 minutes or less)

Finance – Dan – \*Envelopes in pews for visitors to donate. \*Videotaping will happen on Sunday morning and midnight mass. \*$60,000 under on income with $54,000 in the green for savings. \*Regional finance committee for Holy Trinity to be created. \*Soup on the Circle: 100 hot dogs and all the chili was served. More chicken noodle soup was needed.

Evangelization & Outreach – Lynn – \*Thanksgiving dinner was very successful – 1060 people were fed, St. Mary’s served 700-750, $6,035 was raised, and lots of food was donated (Thank you Gary Schnell). \*Fr. Christian had a great article about the upcoming let series. \*Would love to see Eucharistic Congress participation on January 13, 0800-1800. \*Angel tree is up to 256 kids.

Spiritual Life – Tracie – Did not meet this month, 12/10 Fr. John will do the Nativity Story for kids.

Community Life – Sarah – Unable to attend meeting.

Latino – Irma – \*Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held at 6:30 with refreshments to follow. \*Singing in Huntingburg 12/11 @ 9. \*Men’s retreat at St. Meinrad coming up with about 80 men signed up.

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

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Fr. John.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

**Submitted by:** Maggie Schneider