

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

July 26, 2022

Present: Fr. John, Fr. Christian, Fr. Fr. Homero, Van Ziegler, Bridgette Bartley, Jason Messmer, Dan Fritch, Ben Schwenk, Pam Freyberger, Lynn Scheu, Tracie Ihle, Dave Kramer, Luke Messmer, Maggie Schneider, Dave Kramer and Jason Nord

Absent:

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

Opening Prayer – Fr John led us in prayer.

Jason Messmer made a motion to approve the May 2022 Parish Council Minutes. Lynn Scheu seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Church Renovation

- a. Church completion date is scheduled for November 30th. December 10th is the dedication. There will be a contingency plan in the event this is a delay (materials, supply-chain, etc).
- b. A reception will be held after the Church dedication. More details to follow.
- c. Cleaning of the Church will need to occur between completion date and dedication.
- d. A list of items to consider moving has been sent to the appropriate people to coordinate what items will return to Church.

2. Parish Council Nominees

- a. The communication has been published in the bulletin the past several weeks. The next bulletin article will have a deadline when to submit nominations. Reviewed the current candidates who have been nominated or running for reelection and encourage the Parish Council to encourage other Parishioners to participate, as well.
- b. Parish Council election to be held August 13th and 14th. Mail in ballots are due by August 19th. Those on the ballot will be notified the week of August 22nd. The top two people will be invited to attend their first Council meeting on August 30th.

- 3.** Society of Brute nominations will be in the bulletin in August 13, 14, 20 21. Will review during August 30th meeting. Fr. John will handle communicating in the bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Coffee & Conversation

- a. Parish Council to host September 11th.
- b. Jason Nord will have Parish Council Member nametags made to identify members.

2. National Eucharist Revival Plan (renamed by our Dioceses to Eucharist Renewal)

- a. Corpus Christi procession was held on June 19th. The goal is to do this annually.
- b. Challenging Parishioners to increase their prayer life. Challenge Parishioners to pray and sacrifice/fast for the renewal of the Parish with a desire to put God first in their lives. Pam is discussing with Fr. John on additional ideas and direction.
- c. A prayer trifold insert is being created for Parishioners to have before/after Mass.
- d. Discuss speaker options specific to prayer.
- e. Eucharistic Miracle stories will be posted in the lobby, in the bulletin insert, and/or social media.

3. Mass and Confession Times

- a. Discussed Saturday Confession times and the Priest schedules on a Saturday. Fr. John, Fr. Christian and Fr. Homero will have further discussions.

- b. Discussed the weekend Mass schedule and provided an explanation of when the Mass times changed and Mass times of other parishes. Discussed the Spanish Mass being held at 3 pm on Sundays.
4. Office & Personnel
 - a. Reviewing office staffing needs to ensure we're communicating properly and have updated records. Potentially seeking a bilingual person who can help the current staff including Fr. Homero with administrative duties he is currently handling.
 5. Bulletin Production
 - a. Julie Stone is handling as of August 1st. Communication will be sent so everyone knows to send any items to her. Thank you, Julie, for taking on this responsibility! Special thanks to Mike Hagedorn for his support in continuing to develop the bulletin since his retirement!
 6. Buildings & Grounds Feedback/Comments
 - a. Concerns were shared with a Parish Council member about the overall upkeep of the Church grounds. Fr. John will follow up.
 7. Donation Walls Review
 - a. Reviewed the Parish Center Capital Campaign temporary donor wall and shared the image of the Parish Center that would be engraved in wood with the amount. The Our Time Capital Campaign received feedback to list names but not the donation amount.
 8. Divine Mercy Easel
 - a. There is a Divine Mercy easel that we'd like to display in a prominent spot during Strassenfest weekend. Suggested to place on east side on the Church sidewalk across from Midwest Café.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Dan Fritch*

- Financial Review (June 2022)
 - Budgeted Income \$1,440,097.44
 - Actual Income \$1,321,880.27
 - Variance (\$ 118,217.17)
 - Budgeted Expenses \$1,440,097.44
 - Actual Expenses \$1,349,066.00
 - Variance \$ 91,031.44
- Sunday Collections YTD
 - June 2022 Sunday Collection Year to Date 52 collections \$1,089,713.30 -- Weekly Average \$20,956.03 (\$1,212.11)
 2021-22 Budgeted Weekly Collection Amount was \$222,168.13 based on 52 collections.
 - June 2021 Sunday Collection Year to Date 53 collections \$1,077,634.24 -- Weekly Average \$20,723.74 (\$1,009.73)
- **Our Time Capital Campaign Update**
 - Our Time Capital Campaign pledge amounts at \$9,613,171.26.

PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE: *Tracie Ihle*

- Tracie referred to her notes that were sent prior to the meeting. No additional comments.

EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH: *Lynn Scheu*

- Met July 25th and discussed
 - 1,750 meals for Thanksgiving (increase from 1,000)
 - Completing sponsorship donation request for the meat
 - Dine In and Carry Out will be available.
- Bingo at Nursing Homes will be held August 8th and planning to schedule one per quarter at all local nursing homes.
- Blessing of expectant mothers in August including providing blankets and mothers to register for prayer partners.

- The Family Festival will be held September 10th. More information will be in the bulletin and on social media.
- Shared plans for a Pregnancy Center and additional details will be shared.
- Dubois County Community Meals serving via delivery on Mondays. 125 meals or 75 meals every other Monday. Working to start up dine-in on Saturdays.

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE: *Dave Kramer*

- September 11th Coffee & Conversation at 7:30 am and 9:30 am Sunday Masses
- October 23rd Senior Citizen Dinner

LATINO: *Fr. Homero*

- Men's Cursillo was held the 3rd week of June. 22 men participated and the women's event was held a couple weeks ago with 32 participants.
- Latino Commission is meeting next week
- Eucharistic Reflection meeting October 8th

August 27th – Bishop Siegel will install Fr. Brosmer as Pastor of St. Joseph Church. Reception to follow.

The Parish Council thanked Bridgette Bartley for her work and service on Parish Council.

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Pam's son is joining Focus Missionary – please keep him in our Prayers as he is discerning.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Christian led us in prayer.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

2022 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: SEPTEMBER 27th, OCTOBER 25th, NOVEMBER 29th, DECEMBER 27th.

Submitted by: Jason Nord