**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**March 19, 2024**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Darnis, Maggie Schneider, Jason Messmer, Luke Messmer, Richard Kunkel, Tracie Ihle, Lynn Scheu, Dan Fritch, Irma Alanis, Christine Brinkman, Sarah Kasprzak

**Absent:** Fr. Homero, Fr. Christin, Jason Nord, Pam Freyberger, Tammy Mehringer

The 7:00 pm meeting was called to order by Luke Messmer.

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

Jason Messmer made a motion to approve the January 2024 Parish Council minutes. Richard Kunkel made a second motion. All were in favor of approval.

Tracie Ihle made a motion to approve the February 2024 Parish Council minutes. Maggie Schneider made a second motion. All were in favor of approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Storybook of renovation update – Tracie – Bob reported he has grouped and labeled photos. Awaiting a meeting with a group to identify where to go from here
2. Social media account/marketing manager progress – Dan/Fr. John – 1 applicant from Newburgh. 1 potential applicant from St. Joe’s.
3. Men’s organization update – Fr. John – Continuing to meet. Next meeting April 22. Planning a Friday night (May 10) tailgate for the Southridge vs Jasper home baseball game.
4. English/Spanish Classes – Fr. John – need a few English speakers to volunteer.
5. Chapel dedication to Mother Théodore Guérin – Fr. John – waiting on windows to be covered and restrooms to be made quieter. Will then schedule dedication.
6. Stewardship program update – Fr. John – Goes with social media account/marketing manager. Will continue to work on this.
7. Ministry Fair Progress – Luke – Received some sign ups. Need to ensure we are proactive about “the ask”
   1. Feedback
   2. New sign ups
8. Men’s Weekend Recap – Fr. John – There were a lot of people who participated - 27 men in all. 7 from Loogootee. Fr. John will get with Kent Reyling to plan for the future and brainstorm how to get participants to be active and connect in our parish.
9. Mass Schedule for Easter – Fr. John – Thursday 6:30 pm bilingual with adoration until midnight + confession, Friday veneration of cross 12 noon for Latino + confession, 3:00 pm veneration of cross for English + confession, 6:00 pm stations, Holy Saturday 8:30-9:30 am confession, vigil 8:00 pm bilingual, Sunday 6:00 am, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am Spanish, 12:00 pm, no mass at 6:00 pm
10. Upstairs Speakers in Church – Fr. John/Dan – Waiting on a quote. Will not be finished by Easter.
11. Golf Scramble Update – Luke – Buffalo Trace no new scrambles. Huntingburg Country Club no new scrambles. Not going to be happening this year.
12. Fees Charged for Weddings Vote (parishioner vs non-parishioner) – Fr. John – Must be an active parishioner for 1 year to qualify for the $300 rate – will change to $300. Will trial through January 1, 2026. Fr. John 1st and Richard 2nd
    1. Notes from last meeting: $500/$1750 (parishioner vs non-parishioner) – decided on $300 for members and keep same for non-members take a vote next meeting. Previously $300 w/o coordinator.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mother’s Day Breakfast – Sarah Kasprzak – buffet with people serving. Will be selling tickets. Adults $15, kids $8, 2 and under free. Sunday, May 12, 7:00 - 10:30 am. Will have a May Crowning during mass @ 9:00 am and 10:30 am.
2. Guadalupe Statue Fund Raiser – Fr. John – Kyle Whaler for Boyscouts. Will cost about $5,000. Made in Mexico and will be hand sculpted then transferred to St. Joe’s. Hold a fundraiser after 4:30 pm mass (tacos, hamburgers, etc.)

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

Finance – Dan - $84,000 up on revenue, expenses $66,000 under budget. On target for CPC. A few applicants have been received for BOSCO position. Dioceses no longer permitting inflatables at picnics. Eclipse planning – have signs ready to go for shut down for a few hours just in case and consider closing parking lots. Will ask an opinion to city police. Will hire a security team for the day.

Evangelization & Outreach – Lynn – meeting will be Thursday this week. Respect life – plan for a baby shower for spiritual adopted babies. Sunday, July 28 @ 1:30 pm. Bring a gift and will donate to Trotter House. Jenny/Marissa coming to talk and have presentation translated into Spanish.

Spiritual Life – Tracie – VBS June 18, 19, 20. Will be in the mornings. High school youth as leadership. Rock your faith with be a 3-day event. The Catechism will be done this fall with Fr. Christian. Need people to train for Catechist of the Good Shepard.

Community Life – Sarah – April 7 new member breakfast. 43 new families. 5 have signed up. Kyle Eckert will have statue paining class. Shoe drive April 15 – May 10 “Soles for Soles”. Will collect sneakers and walking shoes. Sunday, June 23 potluck, grilling, music, and games. May 19 = senior afternoon. Happens from 1-4 and will play games. 1x a month. C&C going month and month getting people to host it. Trip is planned for May 1. $35 leave after 8 am mass. Go to Azealia patch, St. Boniface in Evansville, Grotto in Evansville. Be home by 5 pm.

Latino – Irma – Liturgy leader/coordinator in Evansville this weekend. Tacos tonight by Fr. Homero for St. Joe’s day.

\*\*masses on Friday mornings at 6:00 am will stop after lent\*\*

**CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Darnis**

MEMBERS: Jason Nord, Luke Messmer, Maggie Schneider, Jason Messmer, Christine Brinkman, Richard Kunkel

COMMISSION CHAIRS: Dan Fritch, Lynn Scheu, Sarah Kasprzak, Tracie Ihle, Irma Alanis

STAFF MEMBERS: Fr. John Brosmer, Fr. Homero Rodriguez, Fr. Christian Raab, Fr. Darnis, Pam Freyberger, Tammy Mehringer, Tracie Ihle.

**\*\* Tuesday, April 23rd @ 7 PM will be the next meeting \*\***