

# PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 26, 2021

**Present:** Fr. Andrew, Fr. Homero, Dan Fritch, Van Ziegler, Bridgette Bartley, Pam Freyberger, Jason Messmer, Mike Hagerdon, Luke Messmer, Dave Kramer, Jane Gehlhausen, Maggie Schneider, Ben Schwenk and Jason Nord

**Absent:** Fr. Eugene, Yesica Miranda, Lynn Scheu, Tracie Ihle

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

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

Bridgette Bartley made a motion and Jason Messmer seconded the motion to accept the September Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of approval.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Coffee & Conversation Schedule Commissions and Parish Council** – *Dave Kramer*
  - a. Seeking volunteers from Commissions to host Coffee & Conversations the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month. The Spiritual Life Commission will host starting on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Evangelization & Outreach Commission will host December 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. The Commission hosting the Coffee & Conversation will have a highlight article in the bulletin to share their purpose, current activities and volunteer opportunities.
  - c. The Commission is working on a schedule of upcoming months' dates for future Commission ownership.
2. **Security Procedures in Parish Center** – *Fr. Andrew Thomas*
  - a. Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Parish Center will be open from 6 am – 8 pm Monday through Friday. Gates will be installed to limit the access over the weekends during non-mass times.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Church Renovation Project & Discussion** – *Van*
  - a. Alan Hoffman provided an update on Phase 3 of the renovation.
  - b. Final work is being performed on the tower as weather permits. Scaffolding is scheduled to be removed within the next 2-3 weeks.
  - c. Parishioners will have the opportunity to get some of the wood from the old pews on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Some wood workers are being contacted to create a concept for having crosses made from the old pews. These keepsakes could be available for purchase and/or given as gifts for First Communions, Baptisms, Weddings, etc.
  - d. Discussed sharing some pictures and/or video update on renovation updates internally & externally.
  - e. Father Andrew and Alan Hoffman are producing a video outlining the completion of the exterior work for posting on Facebook under the Capital Campaign portion.
2. **Capital Campaign Update** – *Dan*
  - a. Pledges total \$9,155,030 as of 10/26.
3. **Estate Planning** – *Bridgette Bartley*
  - a. An Estate Planning session will be hosted November 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm. It will be announced at Mass and put in the bulletin for awareness and reservations. It was also suggested it be announced the week of November 6-7 at masses.
4. **Freedom Lamp Dedication** – *Mike Hagerdon*
  - a. Dedication of Fr. Greene monument will be held following the 4:30 Mass on October 30<sup>th</sup>. A reception will follow the dedication.
5. **Auction Items** – *Mike Hagerdon*
  - a. We have conducted the event with our parishioners and are now reviewing the remaining items. One thought was taking the remaining doors and moving them to the 13<sup>th</sup> street warehouse to include as a purchase option

for the parishioners coming to get wood from our pews. Remaining items will be disposed of the best way to help individuals and/or our overall community.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

### **FINANCE:** *Dan reported*

- **Financial Review (August 2021)**
  - Budgeted Income \$358,060.70
  - Actual Income \$320,938.35
  - Variance (\$37,122.35)
  - Budgeted Expenses \$387,879.63
  - Actual Expenses \$342,541.27
  - Variance \$ 45,338.36
- **Sunday Collections YTD**
  - 2021 13 collections \$246,326.79 Average \$18,948.21
  - 2020 13 collections \$238,826.85 Average \$18,371.30
- **CPC Update**
  - 51% of the CPC goal has been met. Received pledge cards from 21% of the Parishioners. Based on received pledges thus far the donations are of \$11,852 over last year's donation.

### **PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE:** *Pam Freyberger*

- Five Seminaries are coming onsite at St. Joseph Wednesday from St. Meinrad. A Deacon is shadowing Fr. Andrew and another person working with Stephen Ministries.

### **EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH:** *Mike Hagerdon*

- Seminarians are doing two visits each afternoon.
- Angel Tree is progressing and scheduled 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in December.

### **PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE:** *Dave reported*

- Senior Citizen Luncheon
- A welcome breakfast for new members will be held December 5<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 Mass. Sending invitations to 45 families.

### **LATINO:** *Fr. Homero reported*

- Approximately 223 people attended the New Encounter of Faith Program. It was the 4<sup>th</sup> year and the Franciscan Priests from New York were excellent!

## **SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Net Ministries team is doing an amazing job of connecting with students. They are scheduled to be supporting BOSCO and the 4 associated local parishes through the end of the school year.
- Pam sold her house!
- We are truly blessed to have Alan Hoffman leading the Church restoration project. His attention to detail, heart and knowledge is truly amazing and St. Joseph Church is so blessed!
- Ben shared favorable results from recent medical results for a family member.

### **What did we do well in this meeting?**

Alan did a great job sharing

Everyone listened well

Good questions

### **What could we do better for our next meeting?**

(Nothing shared)

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

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

**Submitted by:** Jason Nord