

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

October 24, 2022

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

Absent: Fr. Homero, Luke Messmer

An optional church tour at 6:30 was held for council members to get an update on the progress.

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

Opening Prayer – Fr John led us in prayer.

Tracie Ihle made a motion to approve the September 2022 Parish Council minutes. Dan Fritch seconded the motion. All were in favor of approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Church Renovation Project & Discussion

- a. Dependent on alter arriving will dictate the dedication mass
- b. Church will not be 100% complete by 12/10 dedication mass, therefore, the plan is to work through the weeks after the dedication and keep weekday masses in Kundek Hall.

2. Capital Campaign Update

- a. Currently stand at \$9,700,000 raised

3. Coffee & Conversation

- a. November 13, 2022 the Spiritual Life commission will host
- b. After 10:30 AM mass on November 13 the Latino mass will be included in coffee & conversation
- c. Dave Kramer is working on getting Bosco and Boy Scouts to host
- d. Kathy Schneider is working on a group of 3-4 individuals to be the head of coffee & conversation to ensure proper set up and clean up
- e. Continue with 1x/month
- f. Will stay at parish center after moving back into church
- g. Next coffee & conversation will be December 10 after 9:00 AM mass

4. Office & Personnel

- a. 1st candidate has been interviewed and are waiting on a response after candidate returns from vacation
- b. A 2nd individual has applied, but not been interviewed
- c. A 3rd candidate is interested in a part-time position only

5. Guidebook Update

- a. Tracie passed out a handout that lists all of the parish organizations and a brief description of each organization
- b. All council members are to review the document and submit any edits to Tracie via email to tihle@evdio.org
- c. The goal is to have this document serve as a reference point to what our parish is about

6. Move from Kundek Hall to Church

- a. Van held 1st meeting for Dave Fuhs to determine what needs to go back and ensure those items are in good condition
- b. Mary Burke and Paula Alles assessed all choir chairs and cleaned them
- c. Dave Fuhs will hold upcoming meetings
- d. Lists are being assembled to determine who needs to be present for training day on 11/30/22
- e. Allen to be asked about new security system automatically unlocking and locking church doors, arming and unarming system, and turning lights on and off at a scheduled time

7. Liturgical Ministry and Commission Classification

- a. Scott and Allison Brandt working on a formal plan for a schedule
- b. Tammy to look at PDS for scheduler

- c. Father John to contact former parish to see how scheduling was done
- d. Usher schedule to be added to bulletin and provided training
- e. Plan a ministry fair for parishioners

8. Blood Drive Update

- a. A relationship with Versiti has already been developed and they provide Sunday times
- b. Eric with the Red Cross can't guarantee Sunday times
- c. The November blood drive is already scheduled with Versiti

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Christmas Mass Schedule

- a. No 6:00 PM mass held on Christmas Day, otherwise the regular Sunday mass schedule will be followed (6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM (Latino))
- b. Fr. John is thinking about adding a 12:30 PM Christmas Day mass as well
- c. Christmas Eve mass will be at 4:00 PM and Midnight

2. Dedication on Saturday, December 10, 11:00 AM

- a. Mass
 - i. Worship aid will be made with photos of new features of church, renovation pictures, everyone involved in renovation will be included in booklet
 - ii. Mass will be bilingual
 - iii. Fr. John has Relic picked up
 - iv. There will be reserved seating for mass and invitations will be sent to all people and their families involved in renovation, RSVPs requested
 - v. No chairs will be permitted in gathering space, standing will be allowed only
- b. Reception
 - i. Set up will be on 12/9
 - ii. Parish council members will distribute cake
 - iii. Pam Freyberger will get volunteers to help with reception

3. Approval for Non-Restricted Church Endowments for Completion of Renovation

- a. Finance committee reports there are >\$300,000 in unrestricted funds and has come to parish council to request approximately \$200,000 to be released to spend on renovation completion
 - i. Lynn Scheu and Dan Fritch make motion to approve

4. Job Responsibilities – St. Joe's Coordinator

- a. Funerals – volunteer position
 - i. How to steps will be laminated in usher closet for what needs to be done (doors, clean up, etc.)
- b. Weddings – paid position
 - i. Responsibilities will include open parish center, ensure church and parish center are cleaned up, lights on/off, help visiting priest, lock and unlock doors, be available on Friday nights for rehearsal and Saturday for wedding masses
 - ii. Average about 3-4 weddings a month over 8 months
 - iii. Need to add \$150 to wedding fee to couples for coordinator

5. Flocknote Sign Up

- a. Awareness needs to increase
 - i. Set up in lobby after mass for help with signing up
 - ii. Have sign up cards in pews during mass that can be put in collection basket

6. Golf Scramble

- a. Tim Bell would like to organize a golf scramble either for St. Joe's or incorporate all 4 local parishes

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Dan Fritch*

- Financial Review (September 2022)
 - Budgeted Income \$346,840.00
 - Actual Income \$383,821.49
 - Variance (\$36,981.49) *We took a distribution from the Catholic Foundation of \$62,000
 - Budgeted Expenses \$401,609.43

- Actual Expenses \$344,000.37
- Variance \$57,609.06
- Sunday Collections YTD
 - August 2022 Sunday Collection YTD 13 collections \$273,061.40 -- Weekly average \$21,004.72 (\$2,050.28)
 - August 2021 Sunday Collection YTD 13 collections \$246,326.79 -- Weekly average \$18,948.21 (\$3,219.92)
- CPC – assessment amount \$318,186.00
 - Pledged Amount \$214,244.50 67% of goal
 - Cards Returned 520 out of 1664 32% participation
- Our Time Capital Campaign Update (Goal \$10,000,000)
 - Total pledges \$9,708,087.85

PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE: *Tracie Ihle*

- Starting November 13, advent wreaths and candles can be purchased
- November 27, Steve Luegers will present along with a potluck and babysitting provided

EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH: *Lynn Scheu*

- Angel Tree is in full swing with 50 families participating
- Thanksgiving Day meal sign up is posted – will have dine in, drive thru, and delivery
- St. Joe’s had an ad in the Right to Life banquet booklet
- Lifeline Pregnancy Center will be opening on 3rd Avenue in Jasper
- Dubois County community meals are increasing and looking for cooks
- Working on “Who We Are” as a commission

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE: *Dave Kramer*

- Next Coffee & Conversation is November 13
- Next commission meeting is November 15 at 4:30 PM
- 5 teams have now been established for funerals

LATINO: *Irma Alanis*

- Working on establishing a welcome for new parishioners
- Will be doing door to door rosary in parish center 10 days before Christmas with food to follow – approved by Fr. John
- Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at St. Joe’s on December 12 at 6:00 PM with coffee and bread after
- Volunteers to help with cleaning of church
- Tamales, Slaw, and Pupusas will be made for December 10 dedication reception

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Tracie reports that after 2 months of sickness her father was diagnosed with pneumonia, treated, and is now feeling much better.
- Tracie found a Robert Greene signed book online for \$10.
- Lynn reported that 475 seniors were served dinner, and all went well.
- Dan reported the NET group is doing great and that he and his wife are housing 4 member who are all awesome.
- Van thanked Irma for being so involved and attentive.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Christian led us in prayer.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

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

Submitted by: Maggie Schneider