**PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**September 24, 2024**

**Present:** Fr. John, Fr. Homero, Fr. Jaison, Jason Nord, Christine Brinkman, Jason Messmer, Richard Kunkel, Jane Fischer, Tara Dreblow, Michele Schoenbachler, Lynn Scheu, Nathan Bradford, Dan Fritch, Irma Alanis

**Absent:** Fr. Christian, Lynne Bohnert

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

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

Lynn Scheu made a motion to approve the August 2024 Parish Council minutes. Jane Fischer made a second motion. All were in favor of approval.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Storybook of renovation update – Father John
   1. In Alan’s hands. Need a little time to get completed
2. English/Spanish Classes – Fr. John
   1. Fr. John needs to talk to Claudia to try and get things going. Trying to set a date
3. Chapel dedication to Mother Théodore Guérin – Jane Fischer
   1. Looking at a Sunday in October with the sisters from St. Mary of the Woods attending
   2. Fr. John is asking the Bishop to come to bless the Chapel (coordinating dates)
4. Guadalupe Statue Fundraiser – Fr. John
   1. Getting together with Kyle Whaler to get roses planted/grass already coming in
   2. Jane Fischer asked the question “How much do we know about Guadalupe (self-examination)
      1. Fr. John mentioned Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americans (by Pope   
         John Paul II)
5. Men’s Welcome Weekend Continuation Committee – Fr. John
   1. Kent Reyling working with the group. Need to find out what parish participants are from.
   2. Need to tap in with follow-ups (future participation w/n the parish)-Connect with parishioners
   3. Women’s Retreat-First weekend in Feb (’25)/Men’s Retreat-First weekend of March (’25)
6. Job Posting for Organist/Music Ministry Update – Fr. John
   1. Tammy said someone was in Sept 24 (from Indy) regarding organist
7. Chair lift quote to choir loft – Fr. John
   1. Fr. John meeting with Chair Lift salesman on 09/26 (getting idea of quote)
8. Review bylaw changes
   1. Constitution reviewed changes (highlighted in yellow).
   2. Richard made motion to approve changes and Christine second. All were in favor of approval
9. Church mosaics and west middle main doors – Fr. John
   1. Scaffolding is up and cages/platforms erected to assess center mosaic on 09/25
   2. Alan Hoffman and a few members are going up to review mosaics firsthand on Friday
   3. Large wooden doors need improvement (looking at different options)
10. Office staffing – Fr. John
11. Courtney Schmidt will be starting Oct 7

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Parish Council
   * Jane Fischer will be worthing with Liturgy & Prayer
   * Tara will be working with Pam and Evangelization Commission
   * Christine is going to be with Community Life (Michele)
2. Steak night hosted by Men’s Club-Oct 26
   * Started ticket sales after mass Sept 21 & will go again this weekend (limit of 150 tickets)
   * Needing 25 desserts for the 25 tables of 6
   * Musician will play for 45 minutes, comedian for 30 min followed by more music till 10:00pm
   * No Childcare will be available
3. Brute Award Voting
   * Fr. John mentioned that former Brute Award winners should discern for future award recipients
   * Bring former winners back into equation…Reunion to help select future Brute Award winners
   * Continue Power Point presentation & nominees need description/bio “why nominated”.
   * Jane Fischer made a motion, Lynn second the motion & vote was approved by all members to Turn the voting of Brute Award nominations back in the hands of previous Brute Award recipients & out of the hands of the Parish Council
4. CMA (formerly CPC) Kick Off-Dan/Fr. John
   * Kickoff weekend will be announced this weekend before mass
   * Dates run Oct 1 – Sept 30, 2024.
   * Last year we did hit our goal, added 30 more individuals & had 46 to 47% participation
5. Parish Council Members-Open Discussion
   * Jane was curious what commission grounds fell under (Finance)-First Mon of Month (4:30)
6. Upcoming Events/Dates
   * Priest Convocation in French Lick- Oct 14th thru 17th
   * Wisdom Day – Oct 22nd
   * K of C Appreciation for Priests & Religious Leaders – Oct 29th
   * All Saints Day…Father Homero will have Bilingual Mass (kids dress up as favorite Saints)
   * Memorial Mass…Day of the Dead (Sunday Nov 3 @ 1:00)
   * Blessed Art (Olive Wood) – Nov 16 & 17 (Christians from the Holy Land)
   * Evansville Philharmonic at – Dec 14th @ 7:00 pm
   * Christmas -Schedule 4:00, 6:00 & Midnight on Christmas Eve (regular schedule Christmas Day)
   * Music for Penance Services at St. Joe’s will be Dec 18th – might have another one too
   * Vacations: Father John – Nov 8th – 19th

Father Homero- Nov 18th – 27th

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

Finance – Dan

* Kickoff weekend of CMA (formerly CPC)-Oct 1, 2024
* Our assessment is now $328,186 (up $5,000 over last year)
* Weekly average is Budgeted at $26,000 and Actual is $24,861 (not concerned at current time)
* Rectory has two rooms being renovated (paint/carpet)-completed by end of the year

Justice & Charity (formerly Evangelization & Outreach) – Lynn

* Now meeting every other month – No meeting in Sept
* October is respect life month
  + Oct 17th -Evansville Right to Life @ 5:30 with Fr. Jonathan Meyer
  + Oct 12th-Rosary (noon on the lawn) - East Side of St. Joe’s rectory (Fatema Statue)
  + Dubois County Right to Life @ 5:30 ($30/seat)
* Thanksgiving Day feast planning (1250 meals-Jasper and 750 meals-Huntingburg)
* November 11- Bingo @ Cathedral Health Center

Evangelization & Catechesis (formerly Spiritual Life) – Nathan

* Another retreat similar to 99 Fishers of Men (training and evangelization)-trying to keep on the Parish Level (Trying to get some parish, growth sharing within our parish)
* Series for Lent coming as well

Community Life – Michele

* Bus trip to Louisville (currently have 33 people scheduled to go)
* Upcoming Steak Night
* Movie Night (09/27-this Friday)…working on backup plan
* Card party on October 21

Liturgy and prayer – Lynn Bohnert

* Searching for more EM, ushers, lectors, etc. (6:00 pm Sunday mass mostly)-need a couple more
* Grandparent’s Day (Sept 8th) mass was a success
* October 4 Blessing of pets on plaza
* November 3 (Sunday) memorial mass at 1:00 PM for anyone who has lost a loved one this past year

Latino – Irma/Fr. Homero

* Statue of our Lady Guadalupe (pictures were shown at Parish Council)…final payment was made to the artist per Father Homero & will be shipped soon
* Encounter Faith will be held again this year in October. It is the 8th year.

**CLOSING PRAYER – Fr. Jaison**

MEMBERS: Jason Nord, Jason Messmer, Christine Brinkman, Richard Kunkel, Tara Dreblow, Jane Fischer

COMMISSION CHAIRS: Dan Fritch, Lynn Scheu, Michele Schoenbachler, Andrew Luke, Irma Alanis, Lynne Bohnert

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

**\*\* Tuesday, October 22th @ 7 PM will be the next meeting \*\***