

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 30, 2021

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

Absent: Fr. Homero, Yesica Miranda

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

Opening Prayer – Fr. Andrew led us in prayer.

Dan Fritch made a motion and Bridgette Bartley seconded the motion to accept the October Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Organizational Updates – Father Eugene & Father Andrew**
 - a. Job search launch to kick off in December & January. Combining and shuffling job descriptions.
 - b. Parish Council to review job description in January.
 - c. Mike will continue to handle the bulletin for the next few months remotely.
2. **Coffee & Conversation Upcoming Commission Hosts – Dave Kramer**
 - a. Evangelization & Outreach hosting - December 12th
 - b. Stephen Ministries hosting - January 9th
 - c. Dan is following up with Net Ministries to see if they can host on March 13th
 - d. Open Dates for Coffee & Conversation: April 10th and May 8th
3. **Crosses are being made from pew wood sold to parishioners and donor board – update / agenda – Van Ziegler**
 - a. Awaiting samples for 12-in (250) & 18-inch (100) crosses
 - b. Due to demand, may limit one per family for 18-inch and two per family on 12-inch. Consider taking preorders.
 - c. Cost to be determine from the woodworker.
4. **Trinity Schools Update – Dan Fritch**
 - a. Beginning of next fiscal year, changing billing responsibilities from Holy Trinity to the Dioceses.
 - b. Two representatives from each Parish to determine how to fund Holy Trinity going forward. Based on formula agreed upon is what will be assessed to each Parish. Brent Sternberg & Jason Kelly will represent St. Joseph.
5. **Christmas Schedule – Father Andrew**
 - a. Schedule is in the bulletin. Added 6:30 pm Mass.
 - b. Reviewed Christmas and Sunday Mass obligation.
 - c. Air circulation – Fr. Andrew to follow up to get it cooler and circulate the air.
 - d. Lobby will be setup for additional seating and will add chairs on both sides of Kudeck, if needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Church Renovation Project & Discussion – Van Ziegler**
 - a. New video was published and received quite a few views.
 - b. Renovation update to be published in the bulletin and provides an excellent explanation of current state.
2. **Final disposition of wood from church pews – Van Ziegler**
 - a. Open House on Saturday, November 13th. Received \$480 in donations for the wood. All wood is gone.
3. **Final disposition of items for sale in Gymnasium – Mike Hagerdon**
 - a. Restore accepted most items and gym is cleared of items.
4. **Capital Campaign Update – Dan Fritch**
 - a. January/February will begin raising remainder \$10 million.

5. Estate Planning – Bridgette Bartley

- a. Nine people attended the session. Very good questions and a lot of great information was presented. Thank you, John Chappell for presenting!

6. Philharmonic Messiah, December 18th 7 pm – Van Ziegler

- a. Tickets are \$25 and available at the Parish Center. Tickets are also available online and details will be published in the bulletin.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FINANCE: *Dan reported*

- **Financial Review (October 2021)**

- Budgeted Income \$477,068.02
- Actual Income \$418,659.09
- Variance (\$58,408.93)
- Budgeted Expenses \$496,444.94
- Actual Expenses \$449,604.51
- Variance \$ 46,840.43

- **Sunday Collections YTD**

- 2021 18 collections \$336,672.90 Average \$18,704.05
- 2020 17 collections \$327,431.81 Average \$19,260.69

- **CPC Update**

- Received \$225,179 in pledges which is 72.6% of the CPC goal of \$313,186. Received pledge cards from 31.2% of the Parishioners.

PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE: *Tracie Ihle*

- Deciding frequency to meet
- Entering implementing phase of plan.
- January 19th – Rosary Service with Roe v Wade
- Recommendation to have more communication about Net Ministries Team

EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH: *Lynn Scheu*

- Angel Tree gifts are going very well – December 11th
- 1,000 meals served on Thanksgiving Day at St. Joseph and St. Mary’s Huntingburg. Ran out of meals by 11:30 am. Debrief on Monday, December 6th.
- Community Meals program restarted on November 29
- Three people starting RCIA – Right of Acceptance (2) & Right of Welcoming (1)
- Had blessing for expecting mothers on November 28th.

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE: *Dave Kramer reported*

- No meeting in November.
- Visiting 65 people in Nursing Homes
- Questioned whether BINGO can restart in Nursing Homes. Prior to COVID there were quarterly visits at different nursing homes.

LATINO: *Fr. Homero – No Report*

SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS

- Fr Andrew & Alan Hoffman Video Updates --- Video #1 over 400 views and Video #2 over 200 views!
- Wood is gone!
- Thank you, Mike Hagerdon – Wishing Mike & Kay many blessing as they retire & move to Arizona!
- Ben shared great news with his daughter’s procedure.
- Net Ministries Team continues to do a great job!

Closing Prayer: Fr. Eugene led us in prayer.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

Submitted by: Jason Nord