

# PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

September 28, 2021

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

**Absent:** Fr. Eugene, Yesica Miranda, Lynn Scheu, Ben Schwenk

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 Jason Messmer seconded the motion to accept the August Meeting Minutes. All were in favor of approval.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Update on Fr. Eugene** – *Fr. Andrew*
  - a. Fr. Eugene is transitioning back with Sacramental responsibilities starting September 27<sup>th</sup>. He will gradually increase other duties and return to full responsibilities in the coming weeks.
2. **Constitution Review/Discussion** – *Van Ziegler*
  - a. Reviewed the Constitution and discussed a clarification when the Secretary is listed on the ballot, they will abstain from tabulating the votes. The Chairman will be responsible for the ballot process for Parish Council members, with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Parish Manager responsible for conducting the process. In the case of one of these individuals on the ballot, they will abstain from participating in conducting the process. Jane will update the language and provide to Van.
3. **Addition of Youth Choir to the Mass Schedule** – *Van Ziegler*
  - a. Children's Choir performed on Sunday at 9:30 am mass. 14 students are in the choir.
  - b. Fr. Andrew is finalizing the Christmas schedule and will communicate so everyone can coordinate their responsibilities.
4. **Commissions** – *Van Ziegler*
  - a. Maggie Schneider will be the at-large Parish Council Representative on the Parish Spiritual Life Commission.
  - b. Luke Messmer is joining the Finance Commission as the at-large Parish Council Representative.
  - c. Suggested to highlight one commission every-other-week in the bulletin to help educate parishioners on each Commission's responsibilities. Perhaps have a representative speak for a couple minutes at Mass and be available afterwards for questions and/or if someone is interested in getting involved. Potentially coordinate with Coffee & Conversation and have Commission representatives assist.

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Church Renovation Project & Discussion** – *Van*
  - a. Van shared a progress report on the church ceiling, pews, and items coming from overseas.
  - b. One spiral staircase is sold and potential lead on the other staircase.
  - c. Mike Hagerdon stated items in the Auction area will become available on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This will allow Parishioners the opportunity to buy any items of interest. Most items will have a price tag. If the item is not sold by Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, an offer will be considered. Items not sold will be offered to Restore.
2. **Capital Campaign Update** – *Dan*
  - a. Pledges total \$9,115,415 as of 9/28.
  - b. Approximately 300 Pledge letters have been mailed.
  - c. Dan received a touching letter from a Parishioner from a local non-Catholic Church. The person shared how St. Joseph Church Parishioners were some of the first donors when their Church had burned and were raising funds to rebuild.
3. **Estate Planning** – *Bridgette Bartley*
  - a. Bridgette will provide an update at the next meeting

## **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

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

- **August Financial Review**
  - Budgeted Income \$259,222
  - Actual Income \$243,744
  - Variance \$ 15,478
  
  - Budgeted Expenses \$267,991
  - Actual Expenses \$243,745
  - Variance \$ 24,246
- **Sunday Collections YTD**
  - 2021 9 collections \$176,007.22 Average \$19,556.36
  - 2020 9 collections \$163,380.32 Average \$18,153.37
- **Electronic Cloud Base File System**
  - Special thanks to Fr. Andrew for his vision and implementation of new planning center software. This will allow much easier communications for Servers, Lectors, Religious Education, etc.

### **PARISH SPIRITUAL LIFE:** *Tracie reported*

- Making progress on Spiritual Life Commission. Net team is here and will be helping with current Bosco programs.
- 210 students are participating during release time. This is up slightly from last year.

### **EVANGELIZATION & OUTREACH:**

- No Report

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

- No meeting was held in August.
- Coffee & Conversation is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>
- Discussed how to get more Parishioners involved in the various meetings and activities. Shared numerous ideas and thoughts for the Parish Community Life to review and determine next steps.

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

- No Meeting in September
- Annual of Encounter of Faith program, involving six Latino Ministries gathering October 16<sup>th</sup>. A Franciscan Priest will speak at the event which had approx. 230 attendees previously and praying for another great turnout.

### **SUCCESS STORIES/OTHER BUSINESS**

- Net Ministries Team of 8 full time missionaries are here and working with the Bosco program.
- Savio Night had 17 young adults attend with their dads. Praying some may make it to the priesthood. Thank you to Fr. Andrew for brining Net Ministries and Savio programs to St. Joseph.
- Ben & Kate Schwenk had a baby girl.
- Yessica Miranda had her baby.
- The speaker in the Parish Center Lobby is great for overflow attendance!

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

6 PM orientation meeting for new council membership

Everyone did a good job listening – no side conversations

Meaningful discussions on relevant issues

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

More discussion and tactics on how to execute our Strategic Planning

How to “plan” to implement our strategies versus just “task-driven” activities.

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

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm** in Room 303.

**Submitted by:** Jason Nord