

Parish Council Meeting  
April 9, 2024

Present: Deb Peterson, Sue Hahn, Marilyn Menor, Anna Schadrie, Jason Finn, Father Dass, Nate Runde, Deacon Rich, Dori Bluma, Kim Van Handel, Cathy Krull, Dan Van Boxtel, Lee Rynish, Janet Brill

Absent: Barb Brandtner, John Steltz

Nate Runde called meeting to order at 6:32pm

Father Sengole began the meeting with a prayer, followed by reciting the parish mission statement.

Nate asked for the approval of the meeting agenda, Cathy Krull made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Deb Peterson.

Nate asked for the acknowledgement and approval of the minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting. It was noted that two word corrections needed to be made: prayer for pray in the second paragraph \*the meeting officially began with a prayer; and way for the word was in the paragraph following the wish list for the new rectory, \*After discussion on the best way to acquire new, ...

Deacon Rich made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections, Deb Peterson seconded.

Father Sengole's opening comments: He was very thankful and appreciative for all the volunteers; all of the Easter Celebrations were a success. The decorations were beautiful and Holy Week went very well.

Finance Committee: Anna Schadrie did not have anything to add to the report that was submitted, but would answer any questions. Dori commented that we need to make parishioners aware that the One By One Campaign covered all the expenses for the Frank Runyeon Event. Individuals concerned about how the event was funded have approached her. She has been letting them know it was not an expense to the parish and the money collected during the free will offering will be used to defer the cost of the chicken dinner being held after the Anniversary Mass with Bishop Ricken.

Missionary Discipleship: John was not in attendance; the submitted report was reviewed. Deacon asked how many students will be confirmed this year and Kim reported that there will be 15.

Cemetery: Lee reported that there were branches down due to wind damage, but that everything has already been cleaned up. Nothing else to report regarding the cemetery.

Building and Grounds: Lee gave an update that the work to make the gym more inviting is coming along really well. Everything is looking great. He would like feedback to find out if people feel the acoustic tiles are helping with the noise level. The correct bulbs have been installed in the lighting above the altar, that project is complete. The brick for the rectory has shipped and will be installed soon. The remaining outdoor work will be finished after the brick installation is completed. Lee also brought up that there are pieces of furniture, and other household items that will not be needed in the new rectory. It was decided that they will be offered to members of the parish first, then Community 2000, any remaining

items will be dispersed to an accepting thrift store or other community support agency. Deacon Rich will announce after all masses on April 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> that parishioners are welcome to walk over to the rectory garage and view the items. Individuals **may** take what they would like for a **free**-will offering. Lee also did some research to possibly update the wireless microphones from analog to digital. The cost would be \$1984.00. Kim is going to check if we would be able to use designated grant money from the diocese to cover the cost.

Christian Women: The submitted report was reviewed. It was confirmed that the upcoming Vicariate is open to all Catholic women from any parish. There were no other questions.

Christian Services: The submitted report was reviewed. Deb said she had no additions, and that 36 baskets were given out to families for Easter.

Worship Committee: Marilyn Menor reported that the search continues for a music director and accompanist. She asked for permission to advertise again for an organist to assist with the choir at least once a month. Sam Goeben held a training session with the cantors on using the recorded music selections. Marilyn and Kim Laabs will be selecting the music for weekend masses after July 1, 2024. Sam Goeben is available and will play for the anniversary mass on September 8, 2024. Dan VanBoxtel made a motion to advertise for a music director and/or accompanist; seconded by Cathy Krull.

Parish Activities: Dori gave an update on the upcoming Abbey Tour. She reported that the Lenten studies went well. Unfortunately attendance for The Stations of the Cross and The Chosen movie were down considerably compared to when both were offered on Friday evenings. The feedback she received was that being on a Wednesday families have religious education, plus work and school the next day making it difficult to attend. The 24-hour Adoration went well, Jen and Dori stayed for the entire 24 hours to be sure someone was always there. May crowning will be held on May 5, 2024. Discussion was held on the possibly participating in the Pro Life Rose campaign again on Mothers Day. Kim said she would check on the details and forward them to the council members. Peg Saindon was recognized for her donation of the Divine Mercy Banner. The cemetery walk will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a plan in progress to promote it during the Home of the Hamburger Parade. Sue Hahn gave an update that tryouts for actors to play the parts of the individuals being highlighted will be held May 4, 2024. Discussion was held on having a Corpus Christi procession, it was agreed that we should in fact have it again considering the investment for the canopy last year. Corpus Christi Sunday is June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the procession will be held on that day.

New Business:

The nomination form will be given out the weekend of April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Rich asked for council members to pass along any names of individuals for members at large and he will reach out to them with a letter. We will also be in need of a Treasurer/Trustee.

Jennifer Derks prompted the need for a safety plan after organizing the 24-hour Adoration. Lee reported that a plan is already in progress. He has been in touch with the local police and is working with the Lutheran Church to use their recently implemented plan as a template. He stated that he does have a few volunteers willing to assist him in drafting the plan. The safety plan will be presented to the finance committee at the May 14, 2024 meeting, and to the parish council at the June meeting.

Anna Schadrie stated her concern over the sacristy door being unlocked during the day when no one is in church. After discussion on the concerns about theft or vandalism, Deb Peterson made a suggestion to install a keyless entry lock on the door. Deacon Rich made a motion to purchase a keyless entry lock and have it installed; Deb seconded.

Nate attended a vocation event hosted by the Green Bay Diocese. The focus was on building a parish that fosters a culture for young adults to become priest or nuns. A few of the ideas offered to create this type of culture were:

- ~Mention a life of vocation to a young child to plant the seed of pursuing a religious life.
- ~Pray for vocations
- ~Thank our priest and deacons
- ~Invite your parish priest to dinner so your family can experience their religious life.
- ~Have a vocation holy hour
- ~Invite seminarians to speak and participate in RE classes
- ~Encourage more faith youth activities

Father Sengole interjected that he plans to form a vocations team to help encourage our youth to pursue vocations.

Father Sengole updated the council regarding the distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi), June 2, 2024, the Diocesan Practice of Holy Communion under Both Kinds is that Distribution of Holy Communion from the Cup may only take place and is encouraged on the following liturgical celebrations:

1. All the faithful who participate in the Easter Vigil, particularly the newly baptized;
2. The Christmas Mass During the Night (Midnight Mass);
3. Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper;

All weekend Masses on:

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Solemnity of Pentecost;

The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity;

The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi);

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

It is, furthermore, left to the discretion of each Pastor to distribute the Precious Blood to all the faithful present at the following celebrations:

1. First Holy Communion (Only First Communicants)
2. Wedding Mass (Only Bride and Groom)
3. The Mass celebrating the patronal feast of each oratory, church, parish, or mission
4. The anniversary Mass celebrating the dedication of each church.

It is the hope that these opportunities to receive the Precious Blood of our Savior will deepen the love for the Lord Jesus truly present in the Eucharist.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer; the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm