

Parish Council Meeting
December 10th, 2024

Present: Ann Spaude, Marilyn Menor, Barb Brandtner, Paula Helms, Joshua Courard, Kim Van Handel, Deacon Rich, Lee Rynish, Dori Bluma, Janet Brill, Cathy Krull, Jason Finn, Father Dass, Dan VanBoxtel

Absent: John Steltz

Cathy Krull called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm

Father Dass began the meeting with an opening prayer.

Cathy asked for the approval of the agenda, Jason made a motion to approve, Josh seconded.

Cathy asked for the approval of the October minutes. Paula asked that the line "*This is a diocese standard that all parishes must follow*" be removed as it is not correct statement in accordance with diocese. Barb made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction, Marilyn seconded.

Father Sengole did not have any opening comments at this time.

Buildings & Grounds: Lee reported that everything is good.

Christian Women: The submitted report was review, it was noted that the spelling of Father Sengole's name should be corrected, no further questions at this time,

Christian Services: The question was raised if there is a rep for this committee. The council was advised that Deb Peterson would send an update if there was anything to report. Deacon Rich shared that Good Shepherd does have 2 reps from each local parish participating in their meetings which have resumed since Covid. Barb asked where this should fall on the mapping chart; Deacon Rich feels it would be most logical to be under Christian Services.

Worship: The report was reviewed. Discussion was held regarding having a rep for lectors is necessary. Father Sengole suggested that Kim or Deacon Rich coordinate until someone else can be found. It was shared that the ushers are no longer locking the doors during mass services.

Parish Activities: The report was reviewed. Dori shared that the FORMED app has been approved for renewal for one more year. She is working on ways to promote it for more parish members to become engaged and use it. Dori also spoke briefly about the Carlos Acutis and Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit at the Champion Shrine. She encouraged everyone to visit it if they are able to; she said that it was a very moving experience.

Finance: There is nothing to report at this time.

Missionary Discipleship: Cathy asked at what age training for mass servers happens? Deacon Rich stated that altar training takes place during third grade. He also said that we have better participation at this time than we did 2 years ago, rebuilding since Covid has had its challenges. Discussion was held on possibly have two adult individuals to serve. A suggestion was made to promote participating at the RE meals to continue to keep the kids involved.

Cemetery: There was a quick discussion regarding an announcement in the bulletin for a chairperson to begin working on a plan for the Memory Garden.

New Business: There is none at this time.

Old Business:

Parish Directory: Five volunteers have committed to being on a committee to move this project forward. The next step is to meet with Steve Kemp at Countryside Photographers.

Nominations will be needed at the next meeting, please give Deacon Rich names of anyone you feel would consider being apart of the council.

Basket Auction: We will plan to do this fund raising event once again in coordination with the Fat Sunday Celebration. Janet and her daughter Michelle will work on organizing the event and finding volunteers to assist with it.

Deacon Rich asked that Phase 3 become a primary focus to move it forward and make it happen. He feels it needs a re-launch along with a lead volunteer/chairperson to organize the fund raising needed to make it a reality. The suggestion was made to get the blue prints out so parish members can see them and help promote the project.

Father Sengole is on vacation January 6th to February 6th.

Next meeting is February 11th

The meeting was closed with a prayer

Adjourned at 7:05 pm.