

Parish Council Meeting
June 11, 2024

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

Nate Runde called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

Father Dass began the meeting with an opening prayer along with reciting the parish mission statement.

Nate asked for approval of the agenda and if there were any additions. No additions; Deb Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Anna Schadrie

Nate asked for approval of the April minutes, Barb Brandtner made a motion to approve, seconded by Marilyn Menor

Father Sengole's opening comments: He was very pleased on how the Corpus Christi celebrations were coordinated, the decorations were very nice and everything went well at both parishes.

Cemetery: Lee Rynish had nothing new to report. Preparations for the cemetery walk are underway. He would like to meet with the Walk Committee to find out more about the chosen sites and the route that people will be walking.

Building & Grounds: Lee Rynish reported that he is still researching the fire alarm situation in the school building. If it's no longer used as a school it may not be subject to certain codes and requirements. Discussion was held that it is time to change the title of the building from a school to our Parish Center. Deacon Rich agreed and would like to move the Parish Center sign from the Community 2000 building to complete the transition. The hearing loop has been installed and Lee would like to get feedback from parishioners on how it is working. Kim said the remaining 3795.00 balance could possibly be covered by a new grant. She is investigating to see if we are eligible. Concerns were raised on how to use the system. Signs will be placed on the doors or in church letting people know the service is available and they should check with their provider on how to connect with blue tooth. Lee is working on putting a committee together to help with the development of a safety plan. Emmanuel Lutheran has been generous to allow us to use theirs as a template. The committee will work on a final draft and implementing the plan. The updates in the gym are complete thanks to a lot of hard work by Tom Smet and Jean Katch. It looks very inviting. The Rectory construction is complete, the landscaping is in progress. Deb Peterson asked about the keyless entry for the sacristy, it is in the works.

Christian Women: The report was reviewed; there were no questions at this time

Christian Services: Nothing to report at this time

Worship Committee: Deacon Rich is training new alter servers in August. Discussion was held on purchasing banners for Solemnities. Anna Schadrie is currently changing the alter clothes to match the feast day. There are several clothes and questions on which ones to use. Anna will coordinate with Deacon Rich to go through them and decide which should be used. The committee is working on a calendar for annual church events so planning can be done ahead of time. The committee has decided to meet every other month. Marilyn Menor let the council know that Brianna Patz will help out as an accompanist while she is home from college over the summer. She is also working with the cantors to use the recorded music.

Parish Activities: Dori reported that the Abby Tour went very well. The Corpus Christi celebration also went very well, it would be nice to see this become an annual event. Plans continue to come together for the 150th Anniversary celebration. Dori has been going through scrapbooks for pictures to add to the video program. The committee will begin selling the dinner tickets on July 20th. The Rocking Chair Prophet book club went very well. A question was asked if the parish would provide books for future book clubs. The consensus after a brief discussion was that if the parish does not already have the books available those who would like to participate would need to buy their own book.

Finance: Anna Schadrie did not have anything new to add to the submitted report. Kim let the council know that the Bishops Appeal has been fully funded for this year.

Missionary Discipleship: Nate said that John is checking on options that other parishes are doing to get families more involved. A question was asked if the donut socials were still being held and it as stated that yes they are still happening.

New Business: Deb Peterson informed the council that the Food Pantry is looking for a new location. Someone approached her to find out if it would be an option to build a building on our property at no expense to the parish to house its operation. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Deb would go back to the members and ask them to draft a proposal of what this would entail. Once that is completed Father Dass, Deacon Rich and the finance committee would review it. After that it would need to be approved by the diocese. Deacon Rich went over the nominations, along with trustee / treasurer. Nate, Deb and Sue will be leaving the council; Jason is staying on for another term. The new members were listed:

Trustee/Treasurer Paula Helms

Finance Committee Debbie Rusch, Kevin Reese, Margie Marcks

Parish Council Representative Ann Spaude, Joshua Counard

A request was made to have the meeting minutes available sooner than the next meeting; Deacon Rich stated that the minutes cannot be given out before the board has approved them. It was stated that there is complete transparency with our meetings and anyone from the parish is welcome to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm with a closing prayer

Next meeting is August 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm