

## **Parish Council Meeting**

September 8, 2025, 7 PM, room 213

**Members present:** Attendance was taken.

**Call to Order** at 7:01 PM

**Opening Prayer:** Thank you to Sister Christina

### **Listening Phase:**

1. Public Forum –
  - a. William Miller spoke about the MORE Justice program starting up again. MORE Justice will have a listening phase in September and October, which will include a survey and formal meetings. Focus areas will be food justice, housing, and evictions.
2. Reading of Suggestions from the Suggestion Box in the Narthex
  - a. Some parishioners aren't happy with the televisions being a distraction; they request a survey
    - i. Response: Before they were installed, Father Peter asked the parish, and there is a plaque there about the donation of the televisions
  - b. It is nice to have recorded music at daily Mass
  - c. There was a suggestion to help the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, suggesting a sacrifice/challenge to feed a family of 4 for 2 days
  - d. Comment about the mess in the narthex and crying room on Monday mornings, after the noon mass, and Wednesday Mass
3. Heard Around Church
  - a. Sahad; pass
  - b. Florence: elderly members want to see the PPC minutes in hard copy; what to do with others who also aren't tech savvy?
    - i. Fr. Ed: Let's add a one-page synopsis in the Bulletin
  - c. Beltina and Denise: New families want to join CCD, but registration is closed. What to do?
    - i. Fr. Ed offered to talk with them about this after the meeting
    - ii. Fr. Ed asked how many were at the New Evangelization conference – answer, 240 people
  - d. Deacon Mark; pass
  - e. Deacon Tom: would like to know the outcome of various fundraising efforts; would be good to see in the Bulletin, where the money went, what was raised, etc.
    - i. Response: This will be passed on to the Finance Council as a suggestion
  - f. Deacon Steve: pass

- g. James: The Young Adult group is having a retreat, and they need to do fundraising
  - i. Question: How's it going, starting the group? Answer: slowly, but it's going! There were 12 people at the initial meeting
- h. Rafal: pass
- i. Sr. Christina: People want to know about the building project
- j. Ginny: As above, people ask about the renovation
- k. Fred, pass
- l. Dan, pass

### **Business Phase:**

1. Approval of May 5, 2025, Minutes
  - a. Deacon Tom made the motion; Deacon Mark seconded; all agreed
  - b. Generally agreed that Sahad will write up a synopsis for the Bulletin
  
2. Ministry Reports
  - a. Finance – Guillermo – no report, out sick
  - b. Maintenance Committee / Renovation – Fred
    - i. Sound updates inside the church and narthex: better speakers, louder in the back, etc.
    - ii. The FLC (Family Life Center) will have card reader door access. Employees will have cards, and others will have controlled access based on the calendar that Peggy keeps. The door will be unlocked from 8 AM to 5 PM weekdays.
    - iii. There will be cameras installed in the FLC in the atrium and parking lot.
    - iv. Ongoing: tree removal and waterproofing the damage caused by roots pushing on the foundation; will replant something
    - v. Church renovation project
      1. Drawings/schematics were displayed on the monitor
      2. The approach has been what's needed to update and keep the space a reflection of who we are as a community
      3. There have been 4 work group meetings with parishioners, met with the PPC executive board, met with the building and architect...
      4. Cover outside front entrance, new concrete pathways, wider sidewalks, bathrooms will expand out, wooden pews, restore tapestry, move tabernacle, larger altar, ambo on the correct side, altar pushed back 9 ½ feet, cross will hang from the ceiling
      5. There will be a back prep room, adding a wall for a private vestment room separate from the prep room, and a sacarium
      6. Timeline: Detailed drawings in January, permitting in February, earliest start is March, will take 6 months
      7. Cost? To be determined; less than the earlier plans

8. The stations of the cross were purchased; it is to be determined what to do with them
9. There is a deposit on the pews that can still be used
- vi. Fr. Ed is looking for a PPC recommendation to proceed to provide the concept to the parish as a whole
  1. Deacon Tom made the motion; Flo seconded, all in favor
  2. There was discussion of a date to present the concept to the parish: October 26 at 5 PM.

### 3. Old Business

- a. Parish Grounds and Use of Facilities – table this to the next meeting
- b. Church Safety Update – Sr. Christina
  - i. The minimum we can do is lock the doors and educate parishioners not to open the doors
  - ii. Would like to have a meeting of all active and retired law enforcement to get law enforcement at all Masses
  - iii. Asked Sheriff Koon to do a study on what we need to be aware of
  - iv. It will take time, but is moving forward
- c. Grief Share Update - Sr. Christina
  - i. Starts September 9, twice a month for 13 sessions
  - ii. Deacon Charles and she are running it
- d. October 5 Celebration Planning
  - i. Not a picnic
  - ii. Additional 4 PM Mass that day, followed by a reception from 5–6 PM with desserts

### 4. New Business

- a. Tents on OLH Campus
  - i. Someone is living in a tent on the property
  - ii. Recommendations? Send your suggestions of services that may help directly to Fr. Ed
    1. William Miller will look into social services and get back with information
- b. Vocations Ministry
  - i. Expansion of Traveling Chalice Program to other Masses
  - ii. There is a Chalice at 10 AM and 2 PM, and a traveling statue at 7 PM
  - iii. Dan will make a proposal

### **Pastor's Remarks**

- Happy to be here!
- Thank you for your service.

### **Items to be Considered for Future Agendas**

- Mano Amiga Food Sale in November

- If there are items to be considered, email Dan.

**Announcements of Location, Date, and Time of Next Scheduled Meeting**

- Meetings will take place every other month and take a break in the summer
- Next meeting: November 10 at 7 PM

**Closing Prayer:** Thank you to Father Ed.