

ST. PAUL PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 8, 2022

6:00 p.m. in Parish Center

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a growing Catholic Community of Disciples, who know, love, serve and share, the Good News of Jesus.”

Deacon Dave led us in the opening prayers.

MINUTES

Judy Hurlburt made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike E. Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE

Deacon Dave Hayden, Paul Vanden Heuvel, Bob Reinke, Judy Hurlburt, Kendra Rios, Pat Schmidt, Steve Uphill, Mike E. Murray, Tom Van Nuland, Cheri Ver Voort, Jim Cops-guest

PARISH ADVENT THEME

Communication Suggestions

Pat Schmidt mentioned that Mary's Girls signed Christmas Cards for Country Villa in Little Chute and for St. Paul Home in Kaukauna. Paul Vanden Heuvel questioned how we are showing what we are doing. Judy Hurlburt said if anyone walked into Church at this time, they would see all the wonderful presents under the Christmas Trees and then in a few weeks, the trees will be filled with gloves/mittens and socks. Bob Reinke said that about 500 cars went through the Live Nativity which was very visible. Mike E. Murray talked about how things are being put in the bulletin and do more things like that. Cheri Ver Voort talked about putting things on Instagram, Facebook, and email. In the email, she tries to include three things that are happening in our Parish. It was mentioned that the television monitors by the entrances/exits have information about things happening in the Parish, but some people are not aware of them.

Deacon Dave Hayden was asked to talk about the television monitors by the exits. Paul said that people from other areas check St. Paul Parish's website to find out about the Knights of Columbus breakfast. Cheri Ver Voort also mentioned that some people question why a bulletin is printed, as they don't read it.

FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Dave Hayden reported that a Family Night was held on November 30. The parents enjoyed the different stations that they could participate in with their children. Two examples were the "Liturgical Calendar" and the "Jesse Tree". Faith Formation is hoping to have more Family nights.

Mike E. Murray mentioned how the 4PM Christmas Eve Mass in past years had many Faith Formation children involved in the Mass and there was always an overflowing crowd. Is it something to consider again?

Deacon Dave Hayden mentioned that the past weekend (December 3/4) was the highest number of people attending Mass since the pandemic started. There were over 200 people at the 4PM Mass on Saturday and just short of 500 people for all weekend Masses.

There was a discussion about how the children used to come to Faith Formation in the morning and then walked to Janssen School. Paul Vanden Heuvel suggested doing morning Faith Formation classes again with grouping some grades together to make a class. Deacon Dave Hayden said he would look into this suggestion.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Deacon Dave Hayden said to be mindful of what is happening at Mass. He asked us to bring our Baby Jesus to be blessed this Sunday (the third Sunday of Advent) to show our participation in these types of events. He also mentioned about the Adoration on Wednesdays during Advent and that he was happy with the participation from people coming in to pray. He also mentioned that he thought the Penance Service on Wednesday, December 14, would be canceled due to not finding enough Priests to participate.

MARY'S GIRLS

Pat Schmidt reported that Mary's Girls had their monthly meeting on November 27 and signed about 200 Christmas cards for two Assisted Living and Nursing Home's residents. Also, the monthly Rosary will be said on Tuesday, December 13, at 2PM in Church. There will be no monthly meeting for December.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Paul Vanden Heuvel said that the Knights decided not to hold a breakfast in December but will again hold a breakfast in January. They are looking at breakfasts about every other month. They are looking at having another Corporate Communion Mass in a few months. Bob Reinke mentioned about the Rosary and Steak Night that the Knights held in previous years. Paul Vanden Heuvel said that he would bring that to the Knights' monthly meeting.

TRUSTEES

Nothing to report.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE UPDATE

Nothing to report.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Judy Hurlburt said that many gifts are already under the trees for the adopted people and have about a week to go to get all the gifts. Then the trees will be used for donating gloves/mittens and socks for Cots and Pillars.

CEMETERY

Bob Reinke reported that concrete will be poured around the Columbaria in April. When people hear about this, they like the idea.

OTHER

Bob Reinke reported that about 500 cars which included two buses (one with a family that was out looking at Christmas decorations and one from St. Paul Villa). He said that donations totaled about \$3,400.00. Paul Vanden Heuvel mentioned that the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus would match \$100.00 for every \$500.00 donated by local Knights groups to VIDA up to a total donation of \$400.00 by the state Knights.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS UPDATE

Kendra Rios said that Dan Van Berkel has four Stations done and working on the Fifth Station. Deacon Dave Hayden says that he has a meeting with Dan Van Berkel next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Vanden Heuvel asked if anyone is interested in being on the 100th Anniversary committee to please reach out to him. He suggested a dinner at Van Abels, so no one would have to be in the kitchen when everyone else is celebrating. He also suggested that maybe it is time to do a new Picture Directory.

COUNCIL NOTES

The following items were skipped due to time restraints.

- New and Emerging Topics
- FYI's - Things we should know as an FYI
- **RECAP** the actions for our next meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE – to be determined what date in January

No closing prayer said but everyone joined Deacon Dave Hayden along with the Finance Council to tour the Ravine Room at the Parish Center to see the improvements being made. The walls have been painted white and new lighting has been installed at this time.

ADJOURN

The actual meeting ended around 7:05PM with the tour following.

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St. Paul Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 8, 2022 6:00 p.m. – Ravine Room

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, We are a growing Catholic Community of Disciples, who Know, Love, Serve and Share, the Good News of Jesus.”

- I. Opening Prayer – Deacon Dave
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes from last meeting:
 - Last meeting November 10, 2022
- III. Record Attendance:
- IV. Open Forum – Open the floor for additional topics
- V. Nomination for Council Leadership
 - a. Other open vacancies –
- VI. 6:15-6:50 Open discussion and review of the following meeting.
 - a. Parish theme for the Advent season – **Great Things Are Happening Here!**, please incorporate –
 - i. Feedback
 - ii. Communication suggestions
 - b. Faith Formation – Deacon Dave
 - i. Upcoming Themes for ie. Advent, Lent, Feast of St. Paul
 - c. Worship and Spiritual Life – Deacon Dave
 - d. Mary’s Girls = Pat
 - e. Knights of Columbus - Paul
 - f. Christian Services - Judy
 - g. Trustees – Bob & Steve
 - h. Property & Finance Update to Parish Council as a FYI – Steve/Cheri
 - i. Cemetery - Bob
 - j. Other – Live Nativity update, donations collected? Vida collection to the Knights?, gift extension
- VII. Current / Ongoing Business Updates:
 - a. New Council Members needed
 - b. Update on parish needs census - Deacon

- What do we want to know? Discuss as a group
- c. Stations of the Cross Update
 - i. Design, Timing, Next Steps? – Kendra/Deacon, follow-up to Deacon's discussions

VIII. New Business:

- a. Deacon Dave – Update
- b. Open for discussion
- c. Anniversary planning committee
 - i. Dinner
 - ii. Directory Update
 - iii. Parish Gift -suggested items

IX. Council Notes –

- a. New and Emerging Topics – Open discussion
- b. FYI's - Things we should know as a FYI

X. 6:50 Recap the actions for our next meeting

XI. Next Meeting date –

XII. 6:55 Closing Prayer - Paul

XIII. Adjourn