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ST. PAUL PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 2023
6:00pm in Vandenberg Hall

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

Chairman Paul Vanden Heuvel called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Deacon Dave Hayden said the opening prayers.

MINUTES

No corrections or additions for the December 8, 2022, Pastoral Council meeting. Judy Hurlburt made a motion to approve the minutes. Bob Reinke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE

Deacon Dave Hayden, Paul Vanden Heuvel, Cheri Ver Voort, Judy Hurlburt, Pat Schmidt, Kendra Romanesko, Tom Van Nuland, Bob Reinke, Jim Cops (member representing ProLife)

MARY'S GIRLS

Pat Schmidt reported that there wasn't a December monthly meeting, but saying the Rosary and Divine Mercy at 2PM on the 13th of December and January took place. The January monthly meeting was scheduled for January 22, 2023.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Paul Vanden Heuvel reported that the Knights January meeting was a tour of VIDA with Anne Tretinyak, VIDA Executive Director, explaining all of their services and support groups. Paul explained that over 170 families are being served at VIDA. Anne told them about “Play Date” where VIDA families are invited to a Church for an evening of food and entertainment. Paul thought that the Knights of Columbus could do a Game Night at St. Paul Church in March or April. Pat Schmidt said that she thought Mary's Girls would be willing to help with the Game Night. Paul said that the Knights would discuss it at their February meeting. He also said that the Knights were planning their next breakfast for March 5th.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Judy Hurlburt reported that she took the clothing (gloves/mittens, hats, socks) that was donated to Pillars, Cots, and Harbor House. She said that one resident was standing outside with no gloves or mittens on her hands. Judy told her that she would like an item in the bag she was bringing to the place. The lady was very happy with a pair of gloves that Judy provided.

TRUSTEES - Nothing to report.

CEMETERY

Bob Reinke reported that concrete will be poured around the Columbariums in April or May. The "20% off" sale on the remaining niches in the St. Joseph Columbarium until March 31, 2023, was mentioned by Cheri Ver Voort.

The Finance Committee joined us at 6:30PM for the remainder of the Pastoral Council meeting.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Deacon Dave reported that the Bishop's Appeal starts the weekend of February 4th-5th. St. Paul Church's amount from the Diocese for this appeal is \$52,248.00, the same as last year. Deacon Dave will make an appeal on that weekend from the Ambo.

LENT

Deacon Dave handed out an information sheet with "teaching topics" sessions that will happen on Wednesdays in March during Lent. Deacon Dave wants to do two sessions, one around Noon and another in early evening. He plans to serve a meal, which will be soup and some sides.

FEAST OF CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE - Feast Day January 25th

Deacon Dave plans to talk about the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle at the weekend Masses on January 21st and 22nd and on Wednesday, January 25th (the actual Feast Day).

WEEKEND MASS COUNTS

Deacon Dave handed out a sheet with the counts of how many people attended weekend Masses from June 14th, 2020 (when St. Paul Church parishioners could attend Mass in person after the hiatus due to COVID) through January 15, 2023. The June 13th-14th, 2020, weekend Masses showed a total of 111 people attended and the January 14th-15th, 2023, weekend Masses showed a total of 481 people attended. Paul Vanden Heuvel questioned if the Diocese of Green Bay had any intention of consolidating parishes like the Diocese of Madison's plan to consolidate its existing 102 parishes into around 30 canonical parishes by 2024. Deacon Dave said that there are no plans to change anything with the Parishes in the Diocese of Green Bay.

LIGHTING ON CRUCIFIX BEHIND THE MAIN ALTAR IN CHURCH

Cheri Ver Voort reported that the bulbs that light up the Crucifix behind the Altar in Church are no longer available. There are plans to put lights behind the Crucifix, but the Crucifix has to be mounted six inches from the wall. Cheri plans to contact two Churches in the area to ask how and who hung the Crucifixes to help find someone to do it at St. Paul Church.

DEACON DAVE'S RETIREMENT

Deacon Dave talked about his retirement. He said it was a hard decision. He discussed his retirement with the Diocese. Deacon Dave pointed out about the long hours being a Pastoral Leader. Deacon Dave talked about the great joy of bringing Jesus to Parishioners who are homebound and in Assisted Living and Nursing homes. He said a letter went out to all Priests and Pastoral Leaders about the openings in the Diocese of Green Bay in 2023. One Priest and three Pastoral Leaders are retiring in 2023. Deacon Dave assured us that there is no talk about closing or merging St. Paul Parish. The Diocese talked about our vibrant parish. Deacon Dave stressed that the Parishioners are the Church/Parish here. Tom Van Nuland asked about the number of new deacons in the next two years in the Diocese of Green Bay. Deacon Dave thought there are about 15 new deacons in the next two years, but several deacons are retiring.

100TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

It was discussed when the first Mass was said at St. Paul Church (originally called St. Henry). It was Christmas Eve of 1923 or December 8, 1923. Chairman Paul Vanden Heuvel suggested that everyone at the meeting give their opinion about how to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our Church. Some suggestions were to have a Mass first and then go to Van Abels for dinner or to cater in dinner, rather than have Parishioners have to work in the kitchen. Another suggestion was to make the anniversary part of the Brat Fest Celebration. Another stated that it should be kept local, if possible. It was discussed about the cost of a dinner and if the cost would be split with the attendees and the Parish. It was also suggested that the attendees would be given a promotional item of a Christmas Ornament or a Bronze Medallion or some other item. It was also suggested to maybe hold the event in January of 2024 to avoid Christmas events. It was mentioned to form a Planning Committee and an Archives Committee. Someone thought we should invite former priests and deacons to the Celebration. Cheri Ver Voort is looking into the cost of doing a Pictorial Book to see if that is something we as a Parish would like to do.

NEXT MEETING DATE - to be determined what date in February

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Paul Vanden Heuvel led us in praying The Our Father and Hail Mary. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM.

Prepared by Pat Schmidt, Pastoral Council Secretary



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St. Paul Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 19, 2022 6:00 p.m. – Parish Rectory

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- I. Opening Prayer – Deacon Dave
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes from last meeting:
 - Last meeting December 8, 2022
- III. Record Attendance:
- IV. Open Forum – Open the floor for additional topics
- V. Nomination for Council Leadership
 - a. Other open vacancies –
- VI. 6:15-6:30 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 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, amount collected for Vida (not available at the December meeting), Knights gift extension?
- VII. Current / Ongoing Business Updates:
 - a. New Council Members needed
 - b. Update on parish needs census - Deacon

- o 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: 6:30-7:00PM
 - a. Deacon Dave – Update
 - b. Open for discussion
 - c. Anniversary planning committee – Joint session Finance Council Members
 - i. Possible Dates
 - ii. Type of Event
 - iii. Proposed Budget for planning purposes
 - iv. Update Parish Directory
 - v. 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. 6:55 Recap the actions for our next meeting
- XI. Next Meeting date –
- XII. 7:00 Closing Prayer - Paul
- XIII. Adjourn