

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, November 9, 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 6:00 p.m. Paul Vanden Heuvel led the opening prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Father Bob Stegmann, Paul Vanden Heuvel, Judy Hurlburt, Pat Schmidt, Tom Van Nuland, Mike E. Murray, Jim Milhaupt, Willie Ambrosius, and as guests, Bill and Rose Adamietz

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

No new members to welcome. Paul Vanden Heuvel has asked Maggie Melchior about having a Senior High School student be a member of the Parish Council.

PARISH ITEMS/EVENTS

Parish Theme for Post Advent Season - “Be Here. Be Present”

- i) Father Bob is looking at a book about the Eucharist to give parishioners at Christmas.
 - ii) Father Bob’s Feedback on the First Quarter of this Fiscal Year is that “he is just keeping up” and “trying to figure out how everything works at this Parish”.
 - iii) Paul Vanden Heuvel suggested some communication in the weekly bulletin titled “Parish Council Corner”.
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- a) Brat Fest recap: The 2023 profit was \$6,626.00. It was decided by the Brat Fest Committee to donate \$1750.00 to the designated charity, which was Prevent Suicide Fox Cities.
 - b) Live Nativity Update - there are a few more buildings this year. The dates are December 1st and 2nd from 6PM-8PM.
 - c) Faith Formation Update - Father Bob said that he recently visited the classrooms.
 - d) Music Ministry - Father Bob reported that he is accepting applications for the position.
 - e) Worship and Spiritual Life - Father Bob was impressed with all the luminaries that lined the sidewalks for the All Souls Mass.
 - f) Mary’s Girls - Pat Schmidt reported that the Rosary continues on the 13th of every month and the Monthly meetings happens usually on the 4th Sunday of most months.
 - g) Knights of Columbus - Paul Vanden Heuvel reported on the Knights’ activities.
 - h) Christian Services - Judy Hurlburt said that they are doing the Giving Trees again this year. All gifts will go to area families and agencies helping those in need. After all the ornaments are off the trees, then Parishioners can donate new gloves, mittens, socks, and hats that will be donated to those in need of these items.

- i) Annual meeting - November 12, 2023, after the 10:30AM Mass. Jim Milhaupt, a trustee, explained that he will be out of town for the meeting.
- j) Property & Finance Committee Update to Parish Council as a FYI - no update since the committee is meeting at 7PM after our meeting.
- k) Cemetery - The Ash Trees were cut down due to disease. They were getting quotes for stump removal.
- l) Other - Thanksgiving - Father Bob said that the Parish would be collecting non-perishable food and the money donated at the Thanksgiving Mass. Father Bob asked if the food and money should go to St. Joe's or Father Carr's Food Pantry. We decided that the donations should go to St. Joe's Food Pantry.

100th Anniversary Celebration Update

Father Bob reported that The Mass planning is underway. It was reported that Bishop David Ricken, Monsignor John Schuh, Father Andy Kysely, Father Jim Lucas, Father Don Zuleger, Deacon Dave Hayden, and Deacon Jeff Prickette will be participating in the Mass with our priest, Father Bob Stegmann. Nellie Broeksteeg is working with Father Bob on the music for the Mass. Jeff and Kendra Romenesko are bringing up the gifts.

Paul Vanden Heuvel explained that anyone who plans to attend the 100th Anniversary meal will be asked to complete a small survey after the next two weekend Masses, indicating how many plan to attend. This survey will help the 100th Anniversary Committee to plan the amount of food needed.

Paul Vanden Heuvel explained how the tables will be set up in Vandenberg Hall. Paul also said that the Parishioners will be asked to bring in bars and cookies for dessert along with the cake that was purchased from Landreman's Family Restaurant. The chicken, potato salad, and coleslaw are being purchased from Festival Foods. There will also be potato chips, veggie trays, and cheese and sausage trays. The meal will start after 4 p.m. Mass. Paul Vanden Heuvel would like to see High School Students help with the serving and cleanup of the meal. Some former Soul Singers members will be performing after the meal.

A committee is working on plans to update the Faith Formation area for the pending office transition from the Rectory to the Church area. This move will give Father Bob a safe environment at the Rectory.

NEXT MEETING DATE - December 14, 2023 (?) or January 11, 2024, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURN THE MEETING Father Bob did the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by Pat Schmidt, Pastoral Council Secretary