

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:00PM in Bona 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."**

Chairman Paul Vanden Heuvel called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Father Bob Stegmann led the opening prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Father Bob Stegmann, Paul Vanden Heuvel, Pat Schmidt, Tom Van Nuland, and Jim Milhaupt.

MINUTES

No corrections or additions for the November 9, 2023, Pastoral Council Meeting minutes. Paul Vanden Heuvel made a motion to approve the minutes. Jim Milhaupt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECAP OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & FEEDBACK

Paul Vanden Heuvel was concerned with the microphone system in Vandenberg Hall. It was hard to hear the Soul Singers perform unless you near them. Paul questioned if Michelle Otto had any receipts for the 100th Anniversary that she would like to be reimbursed. Pat Schmidt will ask Michelle Otto about any receipts. Pat Schmidt, Jim Milhaupt, and Tom Van Nuland were very happy with all aspects of the celebration. They all heard mostly very good comments on the event. We are very thankful for all the "sweets" that were donated.

Paul questioned what was next to celebrate the 100th Anniversary. Since the Parish was incorporated on January 8, 1924, could the celebration continue in 1924? Jim Milhaupt suggested that the 100th Anniversary Banner be displayed at other events. Pat Schmidt suggested that it be displayed at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast on January 14th.

CHRISTMAS RECAP

Father Bob said the decorations of the live trees with lights and the Manager Scenes were similar as other Churches. Father Bob was happy with them.

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER IN THE BULLETIN

Paul Vanden Heuvel will write a message that all Parishioners are welcome at the Parish Council meetings. Jim Milhaupt mentioned that St. Bernard Church in Appleton has a Card Rack with Business Cards of Office Support people, Parish Council members, Faith Formation people, and Finance Committee members. This could be a way for Parishioners to be able to contact people on the committees.

RECTORY OFFICE MOVE UPDATE

Father Bob explained that Cheri Ver Voort moved into Lisa's former office. He also said that her previous office needs new carpet and the bathroom needs some work before he can use that space.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Kickoff Weekend is in early February. Parish just received a letter about the appeal. Our Parish goal is \$51,552.00.

VICARIATE MEETING RECAP

Father Bob explained that he was at a Vicariate meeting at St. Gabriel's Parish in Neenah today. Father Bob shared a letter about a "Reduction in Bishop Ricken's Calendar". It explained that Bishop Ricken wanted to spend more time with his brother priests for several years to be more of a spiritual father to them. Bishop Ricken's plan is to reduce the many commitments on his daily schedule that other people can handle. Bishop

Ricken will reduce the number of special Masses that he would celebrate. Father Bob pointed out that it was a good thing that we celebrated the Parish's 100th Anniversary Mass in December.

Father Bob also stated that he has several meetings in February to attend, one being on February 20th about "Cultivating Vocations".

Other things that were discussed at this meeting were that some Parishes are hiring priests to help with Confessions (Father Bob is happy with hearing Confessions at our Parish), scheduling more dates for the training for Eucharist Ministers, and questions about receiving from the Cup. Father Bob said that he realized that the Diocese of Green Bay is the only Diocese in Wisconsin that doesn't have the choice to receive from the Cup. Father Bob explained that when someone receives the Host, they are receiving the Body and Blood of Christ.

MARY'S GIRLS

Pat Schmidt said that the monthly Rosary will be on January 13th at 2PM in Church and the January monthly meeting will be on January 28th at 2PM in the Bona Room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Paul Vanden Heuvel said that their Breakfast will be on January 14th. Attendees will be able to make Valentines Cards for Veterans.

ADDITIONAL THOUGHT FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Paul Vanden Heuvel had a suggestion to send out postcards for ValentinesDay to all Parishioners, mentioning the 100th Anniversary of St. Paul Parish.

ADDRESSING PARISH NEEDS

Paul Vanden Heuvel asked "What does an inviting Parish feel like?". We talked about Greeters at the doors to welcome everyone coming to Mass. Jim Milhaupt stated that he was at a Parish in Milwaukee and the greeters only greeted people they knew.

Paul Vanden Heuvel asks that we all think about what the Pastoral Council does and should be doing.

NEXT MEETING DATE - February 8, 2024, at 6PM

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Paul Vanden Heuvel did the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Prepared by Pat Schmidt, Pastoral Council Secretary