

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2024

6:00 p.m. 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.

MINUTES

No corrections or additions for the January 11, 2024, Parish Council Meeting minutes. Judy Hurlburt made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike E. Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE

Father Bob Stegmann, Paul Vanden Heuvel, Pat Schmidt, Judy Hurlburt, Jim Milhaupt, Mike E. Murray, Deb Verhagen, and Michelle Otto. Jackie Wieland attended as a guest.

OPEN FORUM

Paul Vanden Heuvel said that he would be talking to Cheri Ver Voort about putting the start times in the bulletin for the calendar events.

RECAP OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & FEEDBACK

It was mentioned that the plastic silverware broke when trying to eat the chicken. Otherwise, there were many good comments about the celebration. The final cost of the Centennial Celebration was \$3,991.06.

LENTEN THEME

Father Bob said that he is planning to do the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at Noon during Lent. The First Friday Adoration will be happening on March 1st along with the Stations of the Cross at Noon. Father Bob mentioned that he was thinking about setting up a Reconciliation Service during an afternoon in Lent.

PARISH COUNCIL CORNER

Paul Vanden Heuvel talked about the idea of sending out Postcards about the Lenten Events to Parishioners. He also talked about doing a Parish Survey in April to find out the interests and needs of the Parishioners. He mentioned topics such as Faith Formation, Book Study, and Music. Judy Hurlburt talked about training for Greeters of the Welcoming Team.

RECTORY OFFICE MOVE UPDATE

Father Bob told us that the carpet in what was Cheri's office has been shampooed and the carpet looks good. Curtains have also been hung. The countertop for the bathroom will be coming soon to finish that project. The heating system is now working in the Rectory. The locks have also been changed in the Rectory. Father Bob explained that the Diocese had thought the Parish offices were originally in the Faith Formation area. Because of this misinformation, there is no set deadline for moving the Parish Offices to the Faith Formation area.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

February 3rd-4th weekend is the rollout for the Bishop's Appeal. Our Parish goal is \$51,552.00.

VICARIATE MEETING RECAP

Father Bob had a Zoom meeting this afternoon. Deacons are now allowed to wear Clerical collar shirts. However, the Deacons will wear gray color collar shirts not black collar shirts as Priests wear. 3000 Eucharist Ministers have been trained with more training being scheduled for June and August. Father Bob has the blessing for the Eucharist Ministers who are trained to be given at a future date. There were concerns about people who brought The Host to other people outside the Church building. Father Bob also stated that there will be Pastoral Instructions coming out on Holy Thursday as to what will be decided about receiving both species (The Body and Blood of Christ). There is a directive from the Diocese that every Parish will say the St. Michael Prayer at the end of each Weekend Masses, starting with the first weekend in Lent. Father Bob said that he will do the Final Blessing and Dismissal and then go directly to the St. Michael Prayer before the closing song. The prayer cards will be in the pews. It was mentioned that the Knights of Columbus had been suggesting this prayer be said years ago. The Anima Christi Prayer was mentioned as a beautiful private prayer after receiving Communion. On February 20, Father Bob has a meeting about Vocations.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

The Second Graders recently received their First Reconciliation. Father Bob said that there are three weddings scheduled. Paul was planning to talk to Maggie about a Fire Evacuation Plan for the Faith Formation classes.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Father Bob stated that he is still working on the open position for Music Director.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Father Bob is looking at scheduling times for the Triduum Days.

MARY'S GIRLS

Pat Schmidt said that Mary's Girls plan to set up the St. Joseph Altar with all the treats on the weekend of March 16th-17th. Praying The Rosary on the 13th of each month at 2PM continues. The next monthly meeting will be on Sunday, February 25th, at 2PM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Paul Vanden Heuvel said that their Breakfast will be on February 11 and the cinnamon rolls are back and people are happy about the cinnamon rolls.

CEMETERY

The Ash Trees have been removed. However, the stumps must be removed by grinding them.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS/ELECTIONS

Paul mentioned that members should be elected. Paul also thought that St. Paul Parish By-Laws from 2010 should be reviewed to see if they agree with the Diocese of Green Bay By-Laws from 2015.

ADDRESSING PARISH NEEDS

Paul asked if there were any budget requests from the Parish Council. Debbie Verhagen would like internet access in the Faith Formation area for teaching purposes.

NEXT MEETING DATE - March 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Paul Vanden Heuvel did the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Prepared by Pat Schmidt, Parish Council Secretary