

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 14, 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 6:00 p.m. Father Bob Stegmann led the opening prayers.

MINUTES

Paul Vanden Heuvel questioned if only the Rectory locks were changed. Father Bob explained that only the Rectory locks were changed, and the Office locks remained the same. Judy Hurlburt made a motion to approve the minutes. Paul Vanden Heuvel seconded the motion with the one change about the locks. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE

Father Bob Stegmann, Paul Vanden Heuvel, Pat Schmidt, Judy Hurlburt, and Michelle Otto.

OPEN FORUM

Two items to be mentioned later in the meeting are Missionary Sunday and Pictorial Directory.

HOLY WEEK

Father Bob pointed out Mass and Service times for Holy Week. Postcards with the Holy Week schedule was mailed to all Parishioners the week of March 4, 2024.

RECTORY OFFICE MOVE UPDATE

Work is still being done for the move. The plumbing work is now done.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

\$27,322.56 has been collected for the Bishop's Appeal, which is 53% of our Parish goal which is \$51,552.00. Everyone is happy with the amount collected so far.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Paul Vanden Heuvel is looking for budgets for the Parish Council to approve.

- 1) Paul also mentioned that there was some food on the table and floor and chairs were not pushed into place by the tables after a Faith Formation class in Vandenberg Hall. The mess was still there on Saturday evening when the Knights of Columbus were setting up their March Breakfast. Paul suggested that the older grades should be utilized to supervise clean-up in Bona Room and Vandenberg Hall. The mess shouldn't be left for Maintenance or other adults to clean up.
- 2) Father Bob said that he was happy to see the ushers straightening up the pews after most Masses.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Father Bob stated that the Music Director Position is still open and is looking at the applicants.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Father Bob said that the weekend of May 25th-May 26th will be Missionary Weekend with a Missionary Priest talking at all the Masses that weekend.

Father Bob explained the first draft of the Pictorial Directory was sent in on March 8th for approval. He explained that Parishioners were calling the office about when they will be getting their directory.

There was a discussion on the lighting for the new Stations of the Cross. The fixtures will be donated for the memory of Marion Van Berkel by Dan Van Berkel. The wiring is already in the wall by each Station.

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 16-17. Praying The Rosary on the 13th day of each month at 2:00 p.m. continues. The next monthly meeting will be on Sunday, March 24, at 2PM.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Paul Vanden Heuvel said that their Breakfast for March was this past Sunday, and the next Breakfast will be April 14. The Knights have requested for some dedicated electrical work in the kitchen be done, which the Knights will be paying the cost of the supplies and labor.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Judy Hurlburt said that they were looking at possibly doing the Bible verses inside an Easter Egg again this year.

TRUSTEES UPDATE

No replacement has been appointed for the Treasurer Trustee for the vacancy when Steve Uphill resigned.

PROPERTY & FINANCE UPDATE

Father Bob said that Cheri Ver Voort's office is crowded, since she moved to a smaller office and all the files and other equipment are now in her office.

CEMETERY

The stumps left from the Ash Trees that were cut down still need to be removed by grinding them.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS/ELECTIONS

Paul Vanden Heuvel talked about personal invites to try to get new candidates which should be elected.

ADDRESSING PARISH NEEDS

The Parish budget for the Fiscal Year of July 2024-June 2025 is being prepared. A Capital Campaign Planning Committee is being formed.

Paul Vanden Heuvel announced that this will be his last year as Council President. He explained that he took a different position with the company is employed at and will be traveling most of the time.

BRAT FEST

Saturday, September 7, 2024, is the date set for Brat Fest this year. Jodi Lietzau will be the chairperson for Brat Fest. There will be the 4:00 p.m. Polka Mass with Jerry Voelker Polka Band doing the music for it. There will also be a petting zoo for part of the Brat Fest.

NEXT MEETING DATE - April 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

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

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St. Paul Parish Council Meeting Agenda

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- I. Opening Prayer – Paul or Father Bob
- II. Review Last meeting – Feb notes
- III. Attendance: Record meeting attendees - Pat
- IV. Open Forum – Open the floor for additional topics
- V. Standing items
 - a. Holy Week – schedule
 - b. Rectory office move update – Fr. Bob/Paul/Jim
 - c. Bishop’s Appeal - \$51,552, 53% of goal
 - d. Faith Formation Update – Father Bob
 - i. Utilize older grades to supervise clean-up in Bona Room/Vandenberg Hall
 - ii. Messes shouldn’t be left to the adults to clean up
 - e. Music Ministry – open position update
 - f. Worship and Spiritual Life – Father Bob
 - g. Mary’s Girls - Pat
 - h. Knights of Columbus - Paul
 - i. Christian Services – Judy
 - j. Trustees Update
 - i. Jim, Secretary/Pastoral Trustee
 - ii. Steve’s replacement for Treasurer Trustee?
 - k. Property & Finance Update to Parish Council as a FYI – Father or Cheri
 - l. Cemetery – Father Bob or Cheri
 - m. Other: New council members and elections needed
 - i. When to hold open elections?
- VI. Pastoral Council – Addressing Parish Needs:
 - a. Fiscal 24/25 objectives
 - i. Parish Council Budget process underway
 - ii. Capital campaign – planning committee being formed
 - iii. New council members needed
 - o Paul VandenHeuvel – last year as Council President

iv. Bratfest save the date – Sat September 7th

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

VIII. Next Meeting date – April 11, 2024 6:00PM

IX. 6:55 Closing Prayer - Paul

X. Adjourn