

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 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."

Secretary Pat Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Father Bob led the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Judy Hurlburt made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2024, meeting. Jim Milhaupt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE

Father Bob Stegmann, Pat Schmidt, Judy Hurlburt, Jim Milhaupt (Secretary Trustee), Michelle Otto, Mike E. Murray and Mike R. Murray as a guest.

OPEN FORUM

Father Bob received two books from Dynamic Catholic and thought the Book Club would like to read them. The books were "The Three Ordinary Voices of God" by Matthew Kelly and "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory". Pat Schmidt said that she would keep in mind the book, The Three Ordinary Voices of God, as a possibility for Book Club. The other book, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, has to do with reading a section each day for 33 days which would not work for Book Club.

CHANGES TO SANCTUARY AREA

Father Bob explained about some changes coming to the Sanctuary area in Church. He told us that the statue of Our Lady of Fatima (that is currently near the Family Room in Church) will be moved to the West side of Sanctuary area. The plan is also for the purchase of a St. Joseph Statue to be on the East side of the Sanctuary. Both Statues will be on wooden shelves which will be attached to the concrete pillars that are near the doors leading into the Chapel and Sacristy. Father Bob will ask Tom Doerfler to build the shelves, since he built the table and the box cover for the Tabernacle also, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph icons (pictures) on the East Side of Church will be moved to the space that Our Lady of Fatima is now. Pat Schmidt explained that Mary's Girls and possibly, The Knights of Columbus, will pay all the cost for the supplies and any other costs associated with this move.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Dan Van Berkel is still working on the Stations of the Cross for our Church. Father Bob thinks that Dan Van Berkel plans to pay for the cost of lights by the Stations of the Cross.

AREA IN FAITH FORMATION WING BEING SPONSORED BY JERRY AND ROSEMARY KAMP'S FAMILY

Father Bob is working with the children of Jerry and Rosemary Kamp's family to set up a space with chairs and refreshments in the Faith Formation wing where the hallway is wider. The Kamps family would also like to have some of the Church's history on display. The area will be named for Jerry and Rosemary Kamps who helped organize many social events at St. Paul Parish.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Faith Formation classes for Grades 1-11 will be starting mid-October. Children's liturgy on Sunday morning was planned to start September 29.

UPDATE ON VANDENBERG HALL

The old tile floor along with the glue will be removed soon in Vandenberg Hall. Then, the plan is to get ideas and costs to prevent the water from coming back because the companies can see what everything looks like.

OPEN POSITIONS (PARISH SECRETARY) and (MUSIC DIRECTOR)

Father Bob said that Cheri is working on a job description for the Parish Secretary position for the office. She will be putting an announcement in the bulletin soon. Father Bob reported that he is still working on filling the Music Director position.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

When Deacon Greg Mohr is here for the weekend Masses, he prepares an outline of the Mass to follow.

MARY'S GIRLS

Pat Schmidt said that Mary's Girls will continue to pray The Rosary on the 13th of each month at 2 p.m. The next monthly meeting will be held September 22, 2024.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are not planning any Pancake Breakfasts until everything is completed in Vandenberg Hall, including the new floor. They continue to meet on the Second Monday of every month.

PROPERTY & FINANCE UPDATE

Mike R. Murray, who is on the Finance Committee, talked about the Zero Turn Mower donated by Fox Valley Truck that will be raffled off in Spring. The mower was donated to help raise funds for the Capital Campaign. Mike said that no final decision was made on the Vandenberg Hall floor and the parking lot. Mike mentioned the \$40,000 matching funds in September for the Capital Campaign. There should be insurance money to help pay for some of the cost as to how to keep the groundwater from seeping into Vandenberg Hall. He also mentioned the Parking Lot and Marquee are being discussed as to what needs to be done.

ADDRESSING PARISH NEEDS Jim Milhaupt (Secretary Trustee) mentioned about an Operating Budget Campaign, because of the difference in the Parish Gifts listed in the Bulletin. There is a big difference between the Actual Year-to-date gifts given compared to the Year-to-date Gifts needed.

Jim Milhaupt explained how the Grandpa Patrol works at Holy Spirit. The men get together every week at a set time and day. If there is something for them to do, they do the work. If there is not anything to do, they just enjoy their time together by having donuts and something to drink. At St. Paul Parish, when Willie Ambrosius, the maintenance person, wants help; they call members of the Grandpa Patrol for help.

BRAT FEST

Comments about the Brat Fest were the great weather, choice of music was better, and the control of the volume of the music. Father Bob estimated that there were 393 people who attended the 4 p.m. Polka Mass on the Grass.

MASSES FOR SPECIAL DAYS IN EARLY NOVEMBER

Father Bob talked about All Saints Day, a Holiday Day, on Friday, November 1st. He thinks the schedule for Masses will be 8AM, followed by Adoration until 3 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. for the evening Mass. The next day is First Saturday and All Souls Day. He will have the 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by Reconciliation. The names of the deceased from the past year may be read at this Mass.

NEXT MEETING DATE - October 10, 2024, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURN THE MEETING

Father Bob did the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Prepared by Pat Schmidt, Parish Council Secretary