

ST. PAUL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 13, 2025

6:00 p.m.

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."

President Debbie Verhagen called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Debbie Verhagen led the opening prayer.

MINUTES

Judy Hurlburt made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2025, meeting. Debbie Verhagen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE

Father Bob Stegmann, Debbie Verhagen, Pat Schmidt, Judy Hurlburt, Michelle Otto, and Kelly Buechel.

HOLY WEEK

The schedule for Holy Week will be available at the April 10 Parish Council Meeting. Father Bob stated that there are no Catechumens to receive Baptism/Confirmation at the Holy Saturday Mass. Father Bob is looking for volunteers for washing of feet on Holy Thursday.

BISHOP'S APPEAL

Father Bob said that he should mention about the Bishop's Appeal and a thank you for all the wonderful donations to the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive.

FAITH FORMATION

Since Maggie couldn't attend the meeting, she provided a typed report for everyone. Maggie reported that after discussing with several Catechists, it was decided to continue the Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 3 - 3rd grade) in the Bona Room even after the Parish Hall Floor is completed. For the FLOCK Faith Formation program, Maggie said that the Lent Family Faith night for parents and students in grades 1-8 was attended by 34 families. Maggie said that was the highest attendance family event in a while. The Confirmation students will be attending their overnight retreat at Mount Tabor Center in Menasha from Friday evening, March 14 to Saturday evening, March 15. For Adult Faith Formation, the three Lenten small discussion groups for the book, *An Introduction to Prayer*, have 23 participating. Maggie said that there are plans for another book discussion group in later spring/early summer for the book, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*. Bishop Ricken strongly encourages all parishes to read the book and a generous donor from Matthew Kelly's organization is covering the cost of the books.

MARY'S GIRLS

Pat Schmidt reported that Mary's Girls prayed the monthly Rosary March 13 at 2 p.m. She talked about Mary's Girls setting up The St. Joseph Altar March 15-16. Any leftover treats will be brought to Pillars. The next monthly meeting will be on Sunday, March 23 at 2 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights are planning a bus trip to Holy Hill on May 21. They are planning to host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 18. The Knights will have a Corporate Communion at the 4 p.m. Mass on April 5.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Judy Hurlburt said that they were in a transition this past year. The members are planning to do the plastic Easter Eggs to be handed out with the Easter Masses. They will vote in the near future about charitable contributions for non-profit organizations.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE

The Parking Lot project is waiting for the drainage study and a final Engineering Bid before any work can be done. The bathrooms in the Faith Formation wing needed to have the underground drainpipes flushed due to dirt and tree roots. Further work may be needed. Work continues on the new Digital Marquee, which will be installed when the weather warms up. Waiting to get additional bids for replacing the thermostats for the Church and Faith Formation area. The floor in Vandenberg Hall has been prepared and waiting for the concrete to fully cure and the company can come back to install the floor. Father Bob said that they are looking to buy a commercial vacuum cleaner. The St. Joseph Statue has been purchased for in the Sanctuary area. Tom Doerfler will be building the shelves for Our Lady of Fatima and St. Joseph Statues.

KAMP'S FAMILY DONATION

It was agreed that the space looks welcoming.

CEMETERY

A computer map of the cemetery is being completed.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ITEMS

Father Bob said that the Proxy has been received from the Diocese for moving the statues to the Sanctuary area along with moving a few other icons. Father Bob also talked about a Eucharistic Pilgrimage that will take place in the Fox Valley from July 9-13. St. Paul will be part of the traveling of the Eucharist on July 10.

The Vicariate Days will be at St. Paul Church on May 13. Father Bob shared a diagram from Deacon Greg Mohr for a Communion Flow which would include the Chalice with the Precious Blood when it can be distributed. There was a suggestion to turn the kneelers to face the Altar rather than toward the congregation. Father Bob talked about an Ordination gift from St. Paul Church for Deacon Nico. He suggested a portable Mass Kit, if Deacon Nico still needed it. It was suggested to ask Mike Murray for gift ideas.

GOLF OUTING, BRAT FEST, TOTUS TUUS

Pat Schmidt reported that the Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, June 8 and is in the planning stages. It is too early to have any information on the Brat Fest. Totus Tuus will again be held this summer at St. Paul Parish.

NEXT MEETING DATE -Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6 p.m.

Father Bob did the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.