

St. James Parish Council Meeting Agenda

December 7, 2022 @St James, Rm 7

"Come-Seek-Grow-Share"

Attendees: Fr Jordan, Deacon Rob, Jim Cox (Chair), Rick Murphy (Trustee), Laverne Wrasman, Carolyn Evers, John Barrette, Mary Ann Karas, Chad Stovern (Chair-elect), Jessie Brovold, Paul Smyczek (Trustee Secretary), Karen Preuss (Sec)

Excused: Jenni McFadyen

***Opening Prayer:**

***Approval of November Meeting Minutes and Additions to Agenda**

• Old Business-

- **Cashless donations-** New poster is up in the Narthex and looks great!
- **Midnight Magic:** St James had a float in the parade. It went well. There were about 25 people walking. There was discussion of involving RE more in the promotion of participation. Suggestion was made to have a sign up sheet so that we are aware of who is coming prior to the parade. Communication with parish members and religious education should start sooner next year. We need St. James signs for both sides of the float.
ACTION: Rick will write up something to put into the bulletin recapping the event.
- **Mardi Gras (Feb 21st):** Drew Yergens presented. The past goal was to have a community event to share in fellowship. We will keep this as the focus/goal this year. Drew needs supplies (decorations, beads, masks, tablecloths, etc.) anticipated cost \$400. In previous years there had been a bounce house, but this is not approved per insurance). Drew would like a photo booth. There will be 4-6 games similar to those at the church festival. We need prizes, anticipated cost \$250. Cake Walk is a must. Food has been pizza, hotdogs, desserts, soda and water. Food cost anticipated to be \$800. This event typically makes \$1500-2000. Due to not having it for a couple of years, Drew anticipates bringing in around \$1000. He needs help with the basket raffles. In the past we have had 11 baskets. Drew provided a list of 14 potential basket ideas. In past years each grade of RE provided items for a basket. There was not a lot of participation. Drew would like to have the different ministries sponsor baskets. He will find a room for basket items. Any profit in past went to general funds. There was a suggestion of identifying and sharing where profit will be going in order to encourage donation. There was discussion of a Mission trip, or retreat. **ACTION:** Fr Jordan will talk with Nancy about earmarking funding for the next best thing in RE. Will discuss the option of a Mission trip. **ACTION:** Each member will ask the ministry they are a liaison to for baskets via ministries.

• NEW BUSINESS

- **Stewardship:** No meeting, will update next month.
- **Capital Campaign in June 2023** – Anticipate that this will be for opening a school. Fr Jordan proposed a timeline to present information; writing letter at the beginning of Jan 2023 and bulletin article. Preach about it on 1/14 & 15. Hold an informational night after masses on 1/21 (5pm) and 1/22 (11am). During the weekend of 1/28 & 29, distribute paper surveys at mass and email with electronic version to all parish members. We will have a pulse on favorability within a couple of weeks, as well as an estimated number of families interested in participating. **ACTION:** Share your passion with other parishioners and encourage their participation in the survey. **ACTION:** Parish council members should attend at least one informational night.
- **January joint meeting with St Theresa's to be hosted by St James PC** – It was decided that we will be holding off on this and schedule at a later date.

- **New members:** There are about 35 new families as of 6/30/22. We currently have 1168 families. There was discussion on what we should do for new families. **ACTION:** Fr Jordan will talk with staff about ways to invite/sponsor new families. There were suggestions of having a picture/info in the bulletin (like we do for baptisms), pictures/info on a corkboard, sending a Welcome Packet, etc. **ACTION:** Jim will write a welcome letter from the parish council.
- **Technology:** There is some progress on technology. There has been a generous donor to support this cause.

NEXT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 6:30-8:00 p.m. Room 7 Parish Center