

St. James Parish Council Meeting Agenda

September 7, 2022 @St James, Rm 7

"Come-Seek-Grow-Share"

Attendees: Fa Jordan, Jim Cox, Rick Murphy, Mary Sue Gallagher, Jenni McFadyen, Laverne Wardsman, Carolyn Evers, Jessie Brovold, Karen Preuss, John Barrette, Mary Ann Karas, Chad Stovern

Excused:

*Opening Prayer: Fa Jordan Berghouse

*Approval of August Meeting Minutes and Additions to Agenda

- Fa Jordan:
- - Old Business-
 - Cashless donations-
 - Action Item: Deacon Rob to explore We Share.
 - Action Item: Look to schedule meeting with Archdiocese regarding offering options
 - Church Security Update-Meeting held 8/16, awaiting written results report from Ryan Jonas. This will go to the Building & Grounds Committee for evaluation.
 - **FirePit Update: No further action until a plan is submitted for approval.**
 - **Festival Mass: Tabled until 2023 for discussion to coordinate with 2023 Festival**
 - Other action items:
 - Midnight Magic: Chad w/Stewardship to develop team and move forward with this project
Action item: See attached Chamber flyer from 2021. Discuss how will PC want our parish to participate in 2022 Midnight Magic??
Action item: Jessie to talk to faith formation regarding using breakfast in Bethlehem characters and getting youth to walk in parade.
 - Mardi Gras: Carolyn to contact Drew Yergens to be the coordinator of this event.
 - Volunteer "Thank you" Mass or Celebration/recognition event.
Action Item: Identify a coordinator for this and pick a date.
 - **J.VanZeeland new Deacon celebration – See August meeting minutes for further details.**
- - Committee assignments: (current member responsible)
 - Stewardship/Visioning (Chad)-
 - Prayer & Worship (Jenni)
 - Finance (John)-
 - Adult Formation (Laverne)-
 - Human Concerns (Carolyn)-
 - Youth/Religious Ed (Jessie)-
 - Festival (Mary Ann)-
 - Chair Elect (???) Chad Stovern has expressed interest in this position...
 - Trustee (Mary Sue Gallagher)
 - Secretary (Karen)
- NEW BUSINESS
 - Festival Update (What went as expected, better than expected, needs improvement)
 - Hospitality Sunday (1xMonth to begin): Determine Begin date, Committee Responsible, Location and Offering (i.e., food, drinks, snacks, etc.) The plan should be simple but nice, time to socialize and maybe promote committee that is hosting?
 - 5-year Vision/Goal Discussion
 - Other Matters:
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- **Fr Jordan:** N/A

• - Old Business-

- **Cashless donations-** Deacon Rob explored We Share. LPI, who publishes bulletins, started We Share and sold a year ago to Ministry Brands, so they are in transition. They just released a new version so interface may look different. New version did not include something to put in the basket, so working on. They have QR code for St. James use. Parishioners will need to make an account whether it is a 1 time use or multiple uses. It will take Google pay, as well as debit/credit cards. Stewardship campaign will need to invite people to review. St. James site needs to be worked on to ensure it looks legit. Suggested that new branding is put on there. Archdiocese does not recommend any specific donation site.

Action Item: Deacon Rob to put on priority list for updating site. He will look for Crystal to do in the distant future. The plan would be to tie it into the stewardship appeal in Fall.

- **Church Security Update-** Meeting was held on 8/16, Jim awaiting written results report from Ryan Jonas. This will go to the Building & Grounds Committee for evaluation.

Fr. Jordan proposed keeping the church open during the day. Council agreed this was a good idea and suggested having the entrance through the Narthex. There was talk about security cameras, etc.

Action item: Fr Jordan to talk to staff regarding logistics and possible timer for lights if open until 7pm. Deacon Rob said that once the security report is provided, finance will need to provide direction and then the pastoral council can finalize.

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- **Other action items:**

Midnight Magic: The Stewardship committee kind of disbanded after visioning was completed. A team will need to be developed team to move forward with this project. Jessie shared that Nancy in RE said that the nativity scene is through the liturgist. The council decided to not compete with St. John's live nativity scene and focus on being a presence in the parade. There was a suggestion that participants to walk in parade wear all white. Float to play liturgical Christmas music. There was a question of including St. Theresa's, but decided to keep it to St. James since it's a Mukwonago event.

Action item: Chad will register St. James for the parade. Jessie will connect with RE to help recruit youth to walk. Rick to ask Strong in Christ men to participate. Develop a flyer to distribute (with mass times and other info).

- **Jack o lantern Jaunt:** Carolyn asked if we were participating in again this year. This discussion was not finished and not sure an answer was given.
- **Mardi Gras:** Carolyn sent message to Drew Yergens to ask if he was willing to be the coordinator of this event, but she has not received a response yet.
Action item: Jim will see Drew on Saturday and will ask if he is interested. Otherwise, there would need to be another lead.
- **Volunteer "Thank you" Mass or Celebration/recognition event.** This will take place on 9/24 and 9/25. Fr Jordan will do blessing at every mass. We are looking to have pancakes after the 10am on the 25th.
Action item: Rick will talk to Knights to see if they are willing to do. Rick will email the council with an update and through email we will determine an alternate if the Knights say no.

- **J.VanZeeland new Deacon celebration** – See August meeting minutes for further details.

- - **Committee assignments:** (current member responsible)

- **Stewardship/Visioning** (Chad)- The Stewardship committee disbanded after visioning was completed. Chad will remain liaison to see if they reengage.
- **Prayer & Worship** (Jenni) – Meeting tomorrow. Kateri Yank, the new music director, will be in attendance. She went to Ava Maria University (Fr. Jordan's alma mater). She was a musical director in FL and has returned to WI.
- **Finance** (John)- Still waiting on final numbers for the festival, but it looks like the income was up over 1/3 to previous years and seems to have an average cost. The goal is to have 1st quarter info in October. Overall, the parish is in good shape.
- **Adult Formation** (Laverne)- Meeting is Monday. Laverne will not be there. The committee is continuing to focus on Advent and Lent.
- **Human Concerns** (Carolyn)- Carolyn was not at last meeting so reviewed the minutes. They are continuing to work on Family Promise and NAMI speaker. On 10/30 St. Theresa and on 11/6 St. James will be sharing information after mass about Family Promise. There will be several announcements prior to these dates. The NAMI speaker will present in line with Healing the Whole Person Women's Conference 2023.
- **Youth/Religious Ed** (Jessie)- Jessie shared current and past numbers for religious ed. Overall, the numbers are down for this school year, but they are anticipating seeing some last-minute registrations. There 223 currently reg for St. James, 41 at St. Theresa, totaling 264. They are meeting with catechists, and still looking for a few. They will update numbers in Oct/Nov and provide more accurate numbers at Nov/Dec meeting. There was conversation regarding a question of cost, the ability to make payments, etc. There will be more transparency regarding costs once the finance report comes out.
- **Festival** (Mary Ann)- Mary Ann is having difficulty with the electronic meetings but will work on it in order to participate. There was discussion about the festival. Bella Cain was a large venue that we will need to be better equipped to handle regarding running out of beverages, ticket booth, etc. There were some complaints about lack of rides and less desirable rides. Success and failure of this festival will be looked at in future meetings.
- **Chair Elect** (Chad) - Chad Stovern agreed to take this on.
- **Trustee** (Mary Sue Gallagher) – not at PC meeting to present.
- **Secretary** (Karen)

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Festival Update (What went as expected, better than expected, needs improvement)** – The great unknown is whether Bella Cain was worth it. Overall, it appears that it was. We will need to do better next year now having experienced bigger venue
- **Hospitality Sunday (1xMonth to begin): Determine Begin date, Committee Responsible, Location and Offering (i.e., food, drinks, snacks, etc.) The plan should be simple but nice, time to socialize and maybe promote committee that is hosting.** This will occur on the 1st Sunday of the month after both masses (8am and 10am). The Parish Council will host the first one on Oct 2nd. Human Concerns will host in November.
- **Football?! – Fr Jordan said that he was open to football watch parties in the AC.**
- **5-year Vision/Goal Discussion:** Due to limited time, Fr. Jordan started the conversation and suggested that our vision be the St. James Jaguars. He is suggesting that we look to bring back the Catholic school. He is suggesting that we look at a "classical education". Is this feasible/viable? We would like to know prior to the Capital Campaign next June.
Action item: Fr. Jordan will approach the Archdiocese with the idea. Will need to do a feasibility study. Looking to open the school in 2024-2025 or 2025-2026.

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