

## St. James Parish Council Minutes

January 4, 2023 @St James, Rm 7

*"Come-Seek-Grow-Share"*

**Attendees:** Fr Jordan, Jim Cox (Chair), Rick Murphy (Trustee), Jenni McFadyen, Carolyn Evers, Karen Preuss (Sec), John Barrette, Mary Ann Karas, Chad Stovern (Chair-elect), Paul Smyczek (Trustee Secretary)

**Excused:** Laverne Wrasman, Jessie Brovold, Deacon Rob

**\*Opening Prayer:** (Jim Cox) Jim sent a sign up for each member to lead the opening and closing prayers for each meeting.

### **\*Approval of December Meeting Minutes and Additions to Agenda**

#### ● - Old Business-

- **Mardi Gras (Feb 21<sup>st</sup>):** Drew Yergens is coordinating this event. Drew emailed Carolyn requesting feedback from ministries regarding baskets. Several ministries have agreed to do baskets (Strong in Christ, Liturgy, Finance, Human Concerns). Council asked Mary from Faith Formation during the meeting (Mary/K-6 will do a gift card basket and Nancy/7-11 will do another themed basket). **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 confirm with the ministry they are a liaison to for baskets. Share the 14 suggested baskets that Drew had provided. Turn in basket items by 2/12. Drew is still determining a location to store baskets.
- **Midnight Magic:** Rick Murphy wrote up something to put into the bulletin recapping the event and submitted to Fr Jordan for review.
- **Stewardship and Capital Campaign:** Fr Jordan shared the survey introduction and questions. Hard copies will be available after each mass he preaches about this at, as well as after the information sessions. An electronic version will also be sent out at the same times. He will add a return date of 1/31. Fr Jordan completed the letter introducing the idea and will send to council for feedback. It will be sent out on Monday 1/9. The informational meetings scheduled for 1/21 after mass and 1/22 after 10am mass. **ACTION:** Parish council members should plan to attend at least one informational meeting, both would be appreciated.
- **New Members:** Previous conversation determined that it would be nice to have a special welcome for new parish member. 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. Jim wrote a welcome letter from the parish council and will email to council for feedback. **ACTION:** Fr Jordan will talk with staff about ways to invite/sponsor new families prior to Parish Council's February meeting. Fr Jordan is also considering writing a letter.
- **Committee Reports:** There were no committee reports provided to Jim for December meetings. **ACTION:** All liaisons ask their committee that meeting minutes be submitted to Jim shortly after any meeting is held, so that it can be disbursed to council members for review prior to our next meeting. **ACTION:** Jim will ask Renee if she receives, or should receive a copy of all committee minutes.

#### ● NEW BUSINESS

- **Finance Report:** Deacon Rob was not in attendance. Fr Jordan provided a global statement that things are going well. We may have a more concrete report next meeting.
- **Live Stream of Saturday Mass:** Discussion was had to determine whether to keep the live stream. There are a consistent 60-ish views/week. There is concern that only 4 people are trained and regularly volunteer to do it. There was a question if it encourages parishioner's not to attend the church service in person. It was agreed that we would keep the live stream if there are volunteers. If there is no one to do it at a mass, then it will be missed that week. There were some suggestions of asking for volunteers (announcement at mass – Fr Jordan did not feel comfortable, poster with pull off requesting sign up bulletin announcement, etc.). It seems that things are going ok for now, no need to change. **ACTION:** Carolyn to talk with Dan R. about his thoughts on how he would like to move forward (ie. ways to get volunteers, run how it is).

- **Additions to agenda:** We discussed the absence of screens during mass. Pros and cons were discussed. Fr Jordan feels strongly that the screens will not be used during mass. They can be used in other ways (ie. at funerals, presenting the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, for adult formation, and other activities outside of mass).

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023 6:30-8:00 p.m. Room 7 Parish Center

Opening Prayer: Mary Ann

Closing Prayer: Chad