

St. James Parish Council Meeting Agenda

May 3, 2023 @St James, Activity Center

"Come-Seek-Grow-Share"

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

Guests: St James Finance Council Members; St Theresa Pastoral Council and Finance Council Members; St Peter Pastoral Council and Finance Council Members

Excused:

***6:45pm Opening Prayer:** Paul Smyczek

***6:50pm** Introductions by Father Jordan

***7:00pm** Dinner to Be Served then small Group meetings will commence at 7:45pm

***8:30pm** Adjourn

***7:45pm** St James Pastoral Council:

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

● - Old Business-

- **Stewardship and Capital Campaign: ACTION:** What has been done to revive this committee? Bulletin announcement looking for committee members?
- **New Members:** Kay Wilkomm was the person who welcomed new members and sent a welcome packet. Currently nothing is being done.
- **Committee Reports:** Are there any matters to be discussed regarding committee activity? See attached committee reports, or liaisons should bring these up in discussion at this time.
- **Stewardship/Hospitality:** Chad was to draft a statement to put in bulletin to try and reassemble a committee. Rick Murphy and Paul Smyczek were going to take the lead on this and work with Chad. Jim will work on a question card to help gather member information.
- **Election of Pastoral Council members for 2023-2026-** Laverne Wrasman has expressed that she is willing to continue on PC for another 3 year term if there are no replacements applying to fill slots. Whatever the case may be we need to begin the discernment process and agree upon new members.
- **Activity Center Sound System Upgrade:** Father Jordan believes that it would be possible to install a few stand speakers that will suffice in meeting our needs when showing movies and having speakers in AC.

● NEW BUSINESS

- **Finance Report: Deacon Rob**
- **St. James Catholic School Reopening:** Since the Arch Diocese has given approval for our parish to reopen the school, we will need to begin the planning process. A school administrator has been offered a full time position and has accepted the offer. He will be moving with his family from Texas to being his position as of August 1, 2023, a full year prior to the school opens in Fall 2024.
- **Father Steven Welcome/Meet and Greet after Mass:** Renee Hitt asked me to bring this to PC for discussion. It is her feeling we could do this the Sunday after Mother's Day, which would be the weekend of May 20-21. A few ideas I have would be a wine/cheese gathering after the 4pm Mass on May 20 and a donut/coffee gathering in the AC after the 10:30 am service on May 21. Pat Hitt with the KC said he would help out with whatever we would want to do.
- **Additions to agenda:**

Closing Prayer: Jenni McFayden

NEXT Pastoral COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, June 22, 2023 6:30-8:00 p.m. Room 7 Parish Center

Opening Prayer (next meeting): Rick Murphy

Closing Prayer (next meeting): Carolyn Evers

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***Approval of April Meeting Minutes.** Chad made a motion to approve, MaryAnn seconded.

● - Old Business

- **Stewardship and Capital Campaign:** There was a bulletin announcement recruiting members for Stewardship. Renee Ranic shared with Chad that there is a conference the archdioceses is having Thursday, 5/18. Chad will email the information. Chad plans on attending. ACTION: The first meeting will be Thursday 6/22 at 8pm, after Parish Council meeting. Chad will also talk with Kyle at St. Theresa to get ideas. Paul, Rick and Fr Jordan met. Now that the school has been approved and clustering has happened, we can move forward with census survey. The form was reviewed, and Paul/Rick were recommending some verbiage and additions. ACTION: Rick will email Jim comments/updates on Thursday 5/4. Fr Jordan will have a brief sermon and then ask parishioners to fill out. Ushers will collect. Would like this to occur before Fr Jordan leaves (leaves 5/28). Tentative suggestion to do it next weekend (Mother's Day). We would like the numbers by August when Grover starts.
- **New Members:** Kay Wilkomm had been the person who welcomed new members and sent a welcome packet, but currently nothing is being done. ACTION: Jim to send Fr Jordan email to meet with Kay. Would like to see a welcome letter, phone call, picture, bio in bulletin, etc. In the future, would also like to have sponsor couples.
- **Committee Reports:** See attached committee reports. Festival Committee – We will no longer have a car raffle, just a money raffle. Deacon Rob said that the parish could be liable for taxes if the winner refused to pay them. Grand cash prize will be \$25,000. Prayer and Worship – Looking to set up a ministry fair to get more people interested. This is tentatively scheduled for 9/24. The church bell is not working. John is having trouble getting parts to fix. ACTION: Jim will talk with John about the importance of prioritizing the bell getting fixed.
- **Election of Pastoral Council members for 2023-2026:** Laverne Wrasman has expressed that she is willing to continue with PC for another 3-year term if there are no replacements applying to fill slots. We will need a replacement for Jessie Brovold. Currently there are no applicants. Fr Jordan suggested that members of Parish Council use the shoulder tap to encourage interest.
- **Activity Center Sound System Upgrade:** Fr Jordan believes that it would be possible to install a few stand speakers that will suffice in meeting our needs when showing movies and having speakers in AC.

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- **Finance Report:** Deacon Rob did not attend.
- **St. James Catholic School Reopening:** The Archdiocese has given approval to reopen the school. A school administrator, Grover Green, has been offered a full-time position and has accepted the offer. He will be moving with his family from Texas to be in his position by August 1, 2023. This allows a full year prior to the school opens in Fall 2024. Once he begins, he will start to form curriculum, hire teachers, form a school council, recruit families, raise money, etc. We will be moving forward with the Classical Model. Grover will help with the capital campaign (start in August). The \$3.5 million campaign was approved; \$1 million directed

towards the school, the other \$2.5 million will be for offices, gathering space, etc. Rick is working with Growth Architect to do a sketch/schematic of proposed expansion/remodel. There may need to be a separate fundraiser just for the school to pay for upfront costs (First year of Grover's salary). We have already had some generous donations. Deacon Rob created a plan laying out how to make things work.

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ACTION: Jim to talk to Fr Stephen about how he would like to handle it.

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