

St. James Parish Council Meeting Agenda
June 22, 2023 @St James, Parish Center Rm 7
"Come-Seek-Grow-Share"

Attendees: Fr Stephen, 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), Deacon Rob

Guests: Tom Daniels and Dan Pedriana, both applicants to fill open PC positions

Excused: Jenni McFadyen

***6:30pm Opening Prayer:** Rick Murphy

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

● - Old Business-

- **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. In addition, we have two new applicants to fill seats of LaVerne Wrasman and Jessie Brovold who have completed their 3 yr terms. **Introduction of Tom Daniels and Dan Pedriana with questions from the council.**
- **Stewardship and Hospitality: ACTION:** What has been done to revive this committee? Bulletin announcement looking for committee members? Paul or Chad can you update us?
- **New Members:** Kay Wilkomm was the person who welcomed new members and sent a welcome packet. **Currently nothing is being done.** This will be addressed when Fr. Jordan returns in August.
- **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.
- **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. Since Fr. Jordan is away, we will look for an update to this matter upon his return in August.

● 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.
- **Finalize Case Statement for Parish Capital Campaign.** Fr. Jordan has asked us to give final approval of our case statement for the upcoming capital campaign to begin this fall.
- **Additions to agenda:**

Closing Prayer: Carolyn Evers

NEXT Pastoral COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, July 27, 2023 **6:30-8:00 p.m.** Room 7 Parish Center

Opening Prayer (next meeting): Karen Preuss

Closing Prayer (next meeting): LaVerne Wrasman

St. James Parish Council Minutes
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Guests: Tom Daniels and Dan Pedriana

Excused: Jenni McFadyen, Rick Murphy, Chad Stovern

***6:30pm Opening Prayer:** Fr Stephen

***Approval of May Meeting Minutes - Laverne made a motion, Mary Ann seconded**

● **Old Business**

- **Election of Pastoral Council members for 2023-2026** - We have two new applicants to fill seats of Laverne Wrasman and Jessie Brovold who have completed their 3 yr terms. Tom Daniels and Dan Pedriana presented their information and answered questions from the council.
- **Stewardship and Hospitality: ACTION:** This weekend (6/24-6/25) Fr Stephen will make introduction this weekend and have parishioners complete census at start of his homily. He will do these 2 weekends in a row. There will be additional census in the Narthex the following weekends to catch others who have not yet completed. Carolyn offered to help put together data. **ACTION:** Chad emailed and set a meeting for Wednesday 6/28 at 6:30/7 for initial stewardship meeting. He has 3 goals; 1) set date for hospitality morning, 2) set a meeting schedule, 3) establish goals of the stewardship group.
- **New Members:** This will be addressed when Fr Jordan returns in August. Fr Stephen shared that his former parish has a welcome packet that he has requested and will share with us. St Theresa is also looking at a process. PC agreed that all 3 parishes should work together to develop a consistent practice. Suggestion of a subcommittee of Stewardship. We would like to eventually have host/sponsor families paired with new members/families.
- **Committee Reports:** Committee reports were attached to previous email(s). There were no additional discussion points.
- **Activity Center Sound System Upgrade:** Fr Jordan had his friend (family has sound system business) check out our current system. They believe 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. **ACTION:** The next family movie night is set for September 15th. Fr Jordan asked that his friend provide speakers that night so that we can test the system prior to purchase.

● **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Finance Report: Deacon Rob** – Finance committee approved budget tonight. We are in good shape and anticipated to be in black through the end of May. Discussion of impacts on budget (festival success, lease to MASD, updating tech, phone system, 5% wage, etc.). We will share a collapsed version of the budget to parishioners in the bulletin in July.
- **St. James Catholic School Reopening:** There will be a blurb in the bulletin and newsletter in July to introduce the school administrator. He is set to begin his position on August 1, 2023. He is looking for a house if anyone knows of someone looking to sell (approx. \$600,000 budget).
- **Finalize Case Statement for Parish Capital Campaign.** PC was in agreement and recommends proposed case statement for the upcoming capital campaign to begin this fall. Intending to raise \$3.5 million over a 5-year period (\$1 million to school, \$2 million office/gathering space, \$75,000 refresh church and \$25,000 for cemetery).

Closing Prayer: Carolyn Evers

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