

St. James Parish Council Minutes

March 1, 2023 @St James, Rm 7

"Come-Seek-Grow-Share"

Attendees: Fr Jordan, Deacon Rob, Jim Cox (Chair), Rick Murphy (Trustee), Jenni McFadyen, Carolyn Evers, Jessie Brovold, John Barrette, Mary Ann Karas, Paul Smyczek (Trustee Secretary), Karen Preuss (Sec)

Excused: Laverne Wrasman, Chad Stovern (Chair-elect)

***Opening Prayer:** Carolyn Evers

***Approval of February Meeting Minutes** – Karen approved; John seconded

● Old Business-

- **Mardi Gras (Feb 21st):** Drew Yergens presented. The startup costs were higher this year, but many items will be able to be reused. He will share a final, formal report. Drew shared that last time about 450 people attended and this year there was just over 300. But Mardi Gras took in almost twice as much. Estimates: \$575 free will donation, basket raffle made \$2600. The silent auction donations (plane ride and wooden American flag) helped too. He will also need to look at online giving. All in, Drew anticipates Mardi Gras profited about \$2400. Drew will send summary to Fr Jordan and Deacon Rob. Drew is not committing to running again next year, but feels they are more organized and know where things are and will have an order list for next year to make it easier. Drew shared that partnering with Parish Council and having the ministries take care of the baskets for the raffle was a huge burden lifted. He missed where each basket came from and would like to send thank you cards.
ACTION: Provide Drew with the list of baskets from each ministry.
- **Stewardship and Capital Campaign:** There was no new information to provide. The campaign is coming in June and we are getting prepared. The diocese essentially takes care of everything. Fr Jordan needs to meet with the lead to see if they will allow for the goal of 3.5 million in 3 years and discuss how we would divide and how to share the information. **ACTION: Rick to get growth architecture picture.**
- **New Members:** Fr Jordan said that he may make this a focus for Fr Stephen. **ACTION: Form stewardship committee. ACTION: Jim to contact Renee to discuss.**
- **Committee Reports:** No discussion. Committee reports were previously sent with PC agenda.
- **School Name:** Will likely be named for the parish, with potential to highlight the type of schooling, ie. St James Classical Academy. If it's exclusively St. James, it was discussed that that should be in the name. If there is radical cooperation with St. Peters like a 2 campus model, we may need to think of collaborative names.
- **Hospitality:** PC agreed that the stewardship committee should be reestablished. Chad was not in attendance, but last meeting, he was going to move to reestablish. Fr. Jordan shared his dream to have hot ham and rolls every Sunday. We discussed "new member Sunday", potentially doing a census, putting an announcement in the bulletin/make a pulpit announcement. **ACTION: Rick and Paul to take the lead/present (to include Chad).**
ACTION: Jim will work on the question card. Kyle Lipold is St. Theresa's lead on hospitality/Head of stewardship committee that can consult with.
- **Joint PC meeting with St Theresa's, hosted by St James PC: to be discussed at a later date.**
- **Festival Mass: Tabled until 2023 for discussion to coordinate with 2023 Festival**

● NEW BUSINESS

- **Finance Report:** Deacon Rob shared that we are doing fine. We are behind the budget in stewardship (envelopes/regular donations), but offertory (loose money) is up. We had a strong church festival. Income is ok. Expenses are down. We are about \$8000 ahead of budget. Discussion on having transparency in the bulletin. There is an option to have the diocese present on how to increase stewardship/offertory but will likely wait as we are about to jump into a capital campaign.
- **Church Cluster Committee consolidation** - This was discussed and the idea of coming together is something that will be looked at in the future. Collaboration is good, but each parish doesn't to lose their individual identity. Fr Jordan and Fr Stephen will need to talk with each parish. There was discussion of the chairperson of each parish's parish councils to meet w/ Frs and Deacon. **PLAN: Have a combined meeting on 5/3/23.**

Rick offered to host a spaghetti dinner that he won. This will allow the start of the conversation. Fr Jordan will put Pastoral Council and finance committee on the same night, so he only has 3 meeting nights/month. St. James Pastoral Council will move to the 4th Thursday of the month starting in June (6/22 at 6:30pm).

- **Election of Pastoral Council members for 2023-2026**-It is time to start the process of identifying parishioners who would like to join our parish council for a 3-year term beginning July 2023. Jessie and Laverne are transitioning out, potentially a third. **ACTION: Look at the bylaws regarding the process. Jim will talk with Renee about getting it in bulletin. Members should be reaching out to parishioners to ask/recruit.**

Closing Prayer: Jessie Brovold

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: **Wednesday, April 5, 2023 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Room 7 Parish Center

Opening Prayer (next meeting): John Barrette

Closing Prayer (next meeting): Chad Stovern