

**Parish Council Meeting** – October 28, 2025 – Meeting called to order by Marc Lindeen 6:05 p.m.

**Members present:** Father Ross Epping, Barb Brown, Morgan Yoder, Judy Hoover Warning, Maureen Walsh, Marc Lindeen, Adrian Rubey, Karla Maher, Doug Slobodnik, Natalie Martin, Irma Perez

**Absent:** Mary Panther, John Newton, Brandon Harrison

**Opening Prayer:** Adrian Rubey

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes made by Doug, seconded by Maureen. No discussion. Motion carried.

**Pastoral Comments:** We will begin to gear up for the holiday season in the coming weeks. Father Ross will be away for some of the early part of November to spend time with family. Father Ed Fitzpatrick will cover Mass. Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. As a reminder, the children's nativity play is no longer a task for the Faith Formation director. The council discussed whether it is something the parish would like to continue or not. The consensus was to hold an information meeting for parents willing to help organize the play, Natalie and Karla volunteered to head up the effort. If there is not enough interest, nor enough adults willing to help, the play will not happen this year. The play may be held the weekend before Christmas or at Christmas, however, it is not to be held during the Mass itself.

#### **Committee Reports**

- a. **Social Action:** The committee has displayed flags and a banner for Right to Life month. They will hold their next meeting on November 9. A food drive will be held on the weekend of November 8 and 9, to benefit Tolson Community Action. A list of needed items may be found in the bulletin.
- b. **Liturgy:** We are still ordinary time but will soon be decorating for the Christmas season. Red poinsettias have been ordered for this year. Maureen will organize the decorating and let us know what help is needed.
- c. **Parish Life:** The committee will be hosting an Advent wreath making activity on Sunday November 23, beginning at 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. There will also be a soup supper.
- d. **Building and Grounds:** The north brick pillar has been restored. Building improvements, you will see happening throughout the rest of fall into winter will include: painting, extending the vinyl wood plank flooring to the hall towards Manning, new carpeting in areas with carpet now, some new lighting in areas, new bathroom stalls. Updates to begin in the Spring: update sound system, update to manning hall, new sidewalks in front of church to widen and improve accessibility.
- e. **Faith Formation:** A celebration for Dia de los Muertos will be next Saturday, November 1 following Mass in Manning Hall. All are invited to attend and learn about the tradition.
- f. **Finance:** Annual financial update will be provided in the bulletin during the weekend of November 8 and 9.
- g. **Hispanic Ministries:** Irma reported they are preparing to celebrate Dia de los Muertos next Saturday. She encouraged everyone to come after Mass to join in on the fun. They will decorate the ofrenda on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. all are welcome. All are encouraged to bring a photo of loved ones that have died to put on the table. Irma also brought a Spanish wedding preparation book that was given to her to pass along to the Parish from the Dioceses.

#### **Old Business**

- a. **SEIBUS Usage:** Mark reported that he had a great visit with the director of SEIBUS about our interest in a route to take students to Notre Dame. He told them we will not be doing anything until next Fall. This Spring we will ask Brandon to help present information about the school to parents interested in sending their students there. Mark got a cost estimate of \$50 per child, per month, with a minimum of 6 students needed. We will begin to address this again in March.

#### **New Business**

- a. **Parish Council Christmas Party:** The parish council will have a Christmas gathering again this year.
- b. **Christmas Mass Schedule:** Christmas Eve Mass will be 4:00 in Fairfield and 6:30 in Mount Pleasant AND Fairfield. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. in Mount Pleasant only.
- c. **AGC:** Maureen reported that All God's Creatures will be using Manning Hall to have a fundraiser community Bingo and soup supper on November 14.

**Next Meeting:** January 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Natalie will offer the opening prayer. Doug will offer the closing.

**Meeting Adjourned by Marc at 7:10 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted – Morgan Yoder, secretary*