

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 2023 – Fleming Hall, 6 pm

Opening Prayer: Fr. Ivan Kalamuzi

May Minutes: Review, Corrections/Additions, Approval

Name spelling fixes. Reviewed and amended. Motion to approve: Jeff, seconded by Sister Paula

With One Heart:

Disciple Maker Index Results and Proposals: Tobias Nathe

Results not shared/accessible with parish yet; 80% Caucasian, 20% Guatemalan; has cross tabulation option

Shows where we're strong as a parish vs diocese; Focus on opportunities for growth – low confidence in church teaching, 2nd lowest regarding music participation, 3rd forming as a disciple

Low attendance to retreats, low inviting someone to consecrated life

Benchmarks – shows us relative to other parishes

Will decide on 3 priorities, 2-3 goals for each priority (confidence in church teaching, spiritual practice, community)

Committee Reports:

Maintenance: Ben Braun

Bernie O'Bryan – kneelers – have a quote to redo padding on kneelers, increased about \$800 (about \$6000)

Boiler room floor still wet

Flooring in another classroom redone

Plan to add gates near school office

Need toilet in upstairs womens bathroom

Need a drain on ramp to Fleming Hall and regrade in order to fix water issues; some drainage parts have been donated

Summer festival – made \$7900 (last September made \$12,000)

Liturgy/Worship: Sean Kunath

Start server practices in September after school starts

Church renovation – need updated rendering

Evangelization: Mary Ellen McDaniel

Had ladies tea –

Parish roster cards (not in the church currently), bookmarks

Change greeters duties? Ways to make church more inviting/welcoming

Speaker from Sacred Heart Radio – in place of CareNet

“Household meeting”

School/Boosters/Forresters: Jeff Talbert

Parents installed new floors in 5th and 6th grade classrooms, new lights in entrance

Families may need assistance with school supplies, etc

74 new students from Holy Family

Number of Guatemalan students increased, looking into bilingual assistant

Finance: Michael Heinrichs

More advertising/signage

No music teacher at the school at this time

Bus driver? Now up to 25 kids, would need larger bus, etc; Taylor Mill bus only picks up kids in Taylor Mill; Catholic Mutual will not insure anything other than a regulation bus

Deficit in budget for the year - \$1000/week

Michael to talk with Lois to draft “explanation of expenses” for parishioners – how much would parishioners need to increase donation in order to cover costs (i.e. – 200 people give an additional \$5 a week)

Vocations: Sr. Paula Gohs

Prayer for vocations in the St. Michael missal

Ignite conference – Serra clubs from both dioceses spoke (Covington and Cincinnati); National Vocation awareness week – 1st week of November; Traveling vocation crucifix, each household takes crucifix for one week; 31 club -for homebound people to participate

Social Action: Laura Keener

Baby Blessing Blanket ministry — Mary Carol Heidrich reporting

- Over the summer 8 blankets have been distributed

St. Vincent de Paul, St. Anthony Conference — Tom Ewing reporting

- We have had a great need for utility and rent assistance for people many of whom can't work or are unable to make enough to cover their expenses.
- Recently a family that needed over \$1200. In these cases we do what's called "Twinning" asking for and getting assistance from other conferences and the St. Vincent de Paul, NKY council to help cover the expenses to help them.
- In working with other conferences and the council we are keeping up but the assistance facilities are running out of money to assist with housing and the like.
- We have a meeting coming up at the end of the month.

Madison Avenue Christian Church Social Action — Cindy Fischer reporting

- In the last 2 months, we are serving more meals to more people
- Mary Carol does an outstanding job with the blessing; Pastor Simon compliments her regularly

Pro-Life Committee — Paula Westwood reporting

- Brian Fischer has assumed responsibility for refurbishing the set of pro-life crosses, when complete a date will be determined to display.
 - Since a warmer month is preferred (and since Roe is overturned thus January not necessary), October, which is Respect Life month, might be a good time.
 - Mary Carol Heidrich's brother-in-law has created attractive heart-shaped plaques, which can be hung on the crosses for the few states where babies are fully protected.
- I will be attending the diocesan Respect Life office's annual day for parish pro-life coordinators on Sept. 12. The entire Respect Life committee (and anyone else interested) has been/is invited, but at the very least I will represent the parish.
- The August Ohio special election requiring a 60% majority to amend the state constitution has failed. Thus, a radical pro-abortion amendment will be on Ohio's November ballot. Besides abortion, there are other serious worrisome aspects, such as removal of parental consent for minors seeking abortion and/or cross sex hormone therapy, etc. This affects our children and the tristate as Cincinnati's Planned Parenthood is easily accessible and is the area's abortion provider.

Guatemalan Community: Walter Tomas

4 weddings left (3 at the same time)

Retreat this weekend (in Cincinnati)

Faith Formation: Tobias Nathe

Disciple Maker Index

Mens group latest attendance up to 8 (50% increase)

Deanery Representative: Pete Manczyk

Deanery pastoral council meeting this Saturday

Old Business: Proposal for Parish Sign on Grand Ave/Taylor Mill Rd.

Modeled after St. Patrick's sign; with phone numbers – currently have 4x4 (large sign) and 2x4 (smaller sign) – St. Patrick's sign is longer -new sign lists confession times, Spanish, grades K-8

Council voted no phone numbers on sign

New Business: Fr. Ivan Kalamuzi

Thank everyone who participates, especially with the festival

Church was vandalized – St. Vincent DePaul box ripped off wall, votive candle box broken into – will be locking the church during the day; need to go to parish office

Landslide update – setback – Don Knochelman heard back from water district and their insurance company advised them not to accept any responsibility; diocesan lawyers will likely pursue through litigation; not seeing any more slippage than from 2 years ago – creek not involved

Closing Comments & Motion to Adjourn

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