

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023

Attendees: Fr. Ivan, Sean Kunath, Mary Ellen McDaniel, Jeff Talbert, Michael Heinrichs, Sheila Bacon, Sr. Paula Gohs, Laura Keener, Walter Tomas, Tobias Nathe, Mary Carol Heidrich, Pete Manczyk

Fr. Ivan opened with a prayer. November 2022 minutes were reviewed and amended with noted corrections. Laura motioned to approve; Jeff Seconded; all were in favor

Ben motioned to approve amended minutes; Sean seconded

Request to make meetings 1 hour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sean Kunath: Liturgy/Worship

- Source and Summit missal is recommendation, costs about the same as the Breaking Bread Missal- approx. 6.86 per missal – 823.20; Source and Summit 6.21/missal
 - o Needed ideal congregational hymns, not found in other missals that had Spanish/English options
- Sanctuary renovation project – compiled profile of recommendations
 - o Gothic style vs. Romanesque design
- Organize server practices once Virtus certification

Mary Ellen McDaniel: Evangelization

- Spring Tea, 2 dates at this time- April 29 or May 13
 - o Dr. Cecelia Dorger – speaker
- Bookmark – welcome to the parish, fill out information; or a donation envelope with Welcome to Our Church
 - o Form subcommittee for this issue to look over options
- Used to have a welcome committee – should we revive?
 - o May be from results of the survey; should wait for results from survey?
 - o Mary Ellen to follow up on who would be on committee

Jeff Talbert: School/Boosters/Forresters

- Veronica Schweitzer – accreditation for funding – 67 students is current enrollment; writing for federal grants to get updates for school
 - o Additional fencing; reports from police about no restriction to access to parking lot during school hours; shelter in place, incidents nearby

- School had security audit, work with Taylor Mill Police
 - Water filling station, have trucks that come through to fill (also damage the parking lot)
- Looking into updating chrome books
- Boosters biggest fundraiser- golf outing May 26 at Devou Park
 - Want in bulletin
- Discussion about availability of AED's at facilities where events occur; there is one at the school; not one in the church at this time
- No feedback from Forresters
- Contacted Molly Fischer/head of PTO – happy/grateful for online auction

Michael Heinrichs: Finance

- Finance counsel did not meet in February, will meet next Monday

Sheila Bacon: Secretary

Ben Braun: Maintenance

Pete Michels called, Michels Construction has been sold – will need to check others

- Vandalism during Covid 2020 – holes in windows, nicks, breaks
 - Need to work with insurance – about 10 window panes
 - Insurance company called – needed to be narrowed down to a single event, otherwise each one incurs deductible of \$1000; repairs would be \$3500 – already commissioned (Southwest Ohio Art Glass Studio)
- New Signage at Grand and Rt.16
 - Friend of Tobias did sign at St. Cecelia – could possibly do?

Other Items:

Ice machine

Boden plumbing installed pressure reducing valve at the school. Need to check pressure settings of other water mains.

Bernie from Holy Cross regarding the kneelers

Sr. Paula Gohs: Vocations

- Vocation prayer that was said at the end of Mass; prayer card from USCCB – some were in pews, from Diocese? Go back to praying at end of Mass?
- Fr. Ivan - Dinner at Blessed Sacrament; recommended Brian and Jairo

Laura Keener: Social Action

- Pro-Life crosses, not up in January d/t frozen ground – June? Or on anniversary of Dobbs

- Baptismal blessing bags distributed 9 so far this year
- Scheduling 40 days for life
 - o Palm Sunday at Planned Parenthood
 - o Need volunteers, 9-10,11-12 needed especially
 - o Sign up will be in back of church
- Working on prolife crosses
- Cross the Bridge for Life June 4, need volunteers

Walter Tomas: Guatemalan contact

- 19 candidates and 2 catechumens
- Additional festival for Guatemalan community? September? – food/music, tbd

Tobias Nathe: Faith Formation

- National Men's conference – 3 from parish going at this time (March 25)
- Women's group – Fr Ivan giving talk April 1 about trip/mission to Uganda

Krista Braun – Recreation, Festival

- Made \$11,944.24 in profit last year's festival
- Festival meeting 3/14/23

Pete Manczyk – Deanery Representative

- Process changing with new Bishop – wants to know how best to serve the parish
 - o Will continue with Deanery
 - o The Diocesan Council – 2 reps from each Deanery; this is who will formally communicate with the Bishop (all laity)
 - o Deaneries will meet 5 x a year, Diocesan Council will also meet 5 x/year; meet in smaller groups, more free-form communication

NEW BUSINESS:

With One Heart, DCI - Monica

- 60 responses to date, a little about 20% threshold that each diocese should meet
- 4 paper surveys, many more given out
- Ends 3/25, on Sunday, have coffee and donuts in Fleming Hall – have people available to help fill out surveys (need volunteers)
 - o With Pat Knoll, set up @ 7 am
 - o Slide show of Fr. Ivan's trip running
 - o Sunday only
- All parishes are participating in 3 webinars with result of survey and develop a pastoral plan for parish
 - o 13 parishes will have additional 4 webinars with more training
 - o 7 parishes will have mentor working with them for 4 years (St. Anthony among this 7)

Prospect of Using Formed for the Parish

- \$2000/year
- Evangelize community more
- In addition to Fortifier/ Flock Note – has lots of new material, links
 - o Need to tell everyone that this is available

Speaker from Sacred Heart Radio?

Need to invite at least 1 speaker/year

Fr. Jim Sichko, Missionary of Mercy

16 people signed up for Best Lent Every through Flocknote

Update on Landslide – Diocese helping, potential lawsuit with Water District

Pursued the issue, Cardinal Engineering did joint test the Water District that gives conclusive evidence that the pipe in the hillside is pressurized/has water in it – was marked closed but still active, ran test over 1 month and no reduction of water coming out

Report/recommendation is that Water District needs to address the issue of the pipe in order to fix the hillside

Unsure how receptive Water District will be, but have received letter from lawyers to talk/visit site and come to a resolution

Letter sent to Bishop regarding permission to commence church renovation – no response at this time

Open house to see upgrading of rectory