

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2023 -- Fleming Hall, 6 pm

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

Absent: Sheila Bacon

Opening Prayer: Fr. Ivan Kalamuzi

March Minutes: Reviewed and amended. Motion to approve: Ben, seconded by Sean.

Committee Reports:

Maintenance: Ben Braun

Bernie O'Bryan's kneeler renovation proposal: Excited about what they did at Holy Cross; wants to do the same here. Remove 15 kneelers at a time to be sent to Wilder to be restored. Three kneelers in each row. 17 rows on each side.

Paid By: Adopt a pew program? Holy Cross sold crosses, developed from discarded pew bits. Could do the same here. Total estimate: \$5200. Fr. Ivan, Ben and Tom will get together with Bernie to discuss the proposal further.

Tom had Kent Refrigeration replace sensor on ice maker in Fleming Hall. Now fixed.

Water District has replaced part of pipe.

Sought bids for repaving sidewalks from two companies. Bids were around \$32k – 34k apiece. We're holding off at this time.

Floor of boiler room is damp/wet. Tom doesn't know if it's from recent rain or residual water under the parking lot. Will to continue to monitor.

Palmer Paving (re: JB Palmer) contracted to do paving before Festival. Lower lot and ramp up to street. Anonymous donor has given up to \$23k for the paving. Also donated to a gaga ball pit for the school.

Liturgy/Worship: Sean Kunath

Sean has VIRTUS training now; will contact current servers for training. Then will recruit specific servers for specific liturgies.

No updates on church renovation project – in contact with Diocese about architectural design.

Forming subcommittee on liturgy for further discussion of themes after Disciple Maker Index information comes through. Subcommittee: Theresa Wiechman, Pete Manczyk, Abigail Haidle, Pat Noll, Anita Rice.

Evangelization: Mary Ellen McDaniel

May13 Ladies Tea: Close to 60 people coming. Looking forward to it.

Proposed bookmark for new parishioners. Possible additions: Ministry Interest, Spanish, and Website. Mary Ellen will discuss with Fr. Ivan, but also waiting for DMI results.

Proposed speaker from Sacred Heart Radio as a promotion for the station and Catholic radio in general. Will discuss with Fr. Ivan after DMI results.

Covenant community idea to be explored. Tobias will send Mary Ellen the email information to discuss with Fr. Ivan. Disciples in Mission was a model previously used in the parish.

School/Boosters/Forresters: Jeff Talbert

Nothing from Boosters or PTO. School completed homeland security grant proposal. Several months before they'll know the results. School completed walkathon; money raised for meeting ACUE budget.

Finance: Michael Heinrichs

Brian Fischer, Tom Ewing, Jim Gerhardt, Michael Heinrichs (ex officio) – need five. Jim Scheper and Cindy Fischer have accepted appointments.

Blair Thompson is stepping down. Operational expense estimate at \$317k yearly. Need 6k weekly to meet it; currently at \$5k/wk. Shortfall of about \$1200/wk or \$62,400/yr.

These numbers will start to be printed in the bulletin.

Need to increase 65 student enrollment in school and otherwise strategize on how to make up the operating budget deficit.

Pipes were capped off on hillside. Insurance company is going to assess the damage and will make an offer of compensation or repair to the Diocese. Church renovation on hold until resolution.

DPAA in 2022, 50k was collected; we went over by 28k, which has been rebated. 23k committed for 2023; goal was 17k, 13k has been collected.

Not sure how much online donations are helping yet. It's added monthly, and separately. The office would have the statistics.

Vocations: Sr. Paula Gohs

USCCB prayer on vocations in songbooks. We'll start saying the prayer again as soon as the books are full.

Young Hispanic man from St. Anthony's went to Diocesan Discernment dinner.

Social Action: Laura Keener

Baby items were collected for community baby shower. Baby stroller was donated.

40 Days for Life, good numbers from St. Anthony's.

Tom Ewing and members of men's group to put up cross display for life.

Sunday, June 4 Cross the Bridge for Life.

Guatemalan Community: Walter Tomas

10 babies to be baptized this upcoming Sunday. 21 Candidates for May Confirmation, to of whom were first Communicants. 4 Catechumens at Easter.

Class of 18 for First Confession & Communion coming this summer. They meet with Sr. Paula on Sundays after 10 am Mass for 75 minutes of catechizing.

Faith Formation: Tobias Nathe

Fall Speaker – Fr. Sichko has been dropped as speaker option due to controversial tweets. Looking for new speaker.

FORMED for parish is being held off for now, considering the expense. Word on Fire, included in our Flocknote subscription, already has many good materials/videos.

Deanery Representative: Pete Manczyk

Will serve for another three years as Deanery Representative.

Old Business:

With One Heart – DMI information will be presented at Priest Study Day, coming this May.

Sign Project from Tobias Nathe:

Stephen Sullivan and Graphic Village has been approved.

Tobias will contact Lisa Bottom about wording for sign and Fr. Ivan to proceed to get designs from Stephen for Council to consider. Tobias will contact Mark Kreimborg to seek city approval for backside printing.

Festival Update from Ben Braun: Dire need of volunteers. Possibility of cutting booths. Meeting tomorrow. Need another 75 shifts to fill. Need another 55 youth. Permits have been obtained. Shuttle (school bus) is booked.

New Business:

Fr. Ivan Kalamuzi: Bishop Iffert's visits were great successes. Thanks to Welcome Community, headed by Paula Westwood. Bishop Iffert saw the landslide. Optimistic the Water District will pay for it.

Laura Keener: Bishop Iffert considers our parish a model of integration of our cultures. Impressed by Guatemalan community. Will be sending two seminarians to Guatemala for immersion experience. And hopes to continue it every year.

Fr. Ivan: ACUE (Alliance for Catholic Urban Education) hosted dinner in Fleming Hall. Bishop Foys was present as well as Bishop Iffert. Students performed skits of Blessed Mother's apparitions and sang songs. Very successful.

Sr. Paula Gohs: Spanish classes may be offered in Fall, considering she will not be catechizing during the Fall.

May Crowning: Monday, May 15 from 12:30-1 pm at Grotto.

Next Meeting: Second Monday of August

Motion to Adjourn by Tobias Nathe; Laura seconded.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ivan Kalamuzi