**Parish Council Minutes**

**August 8, 2022**

Attendees: Fr. Ivan, Krista Braun, Sr. Paula Gohs, Mary Carol Heidrich, Laura Keener, Tobias Nathe, Walter Tomas, Pete Manczyk

Father Ivan opened with a prayer.

Laura Keener motioned that the May Minutes be approved and accepted. Tobias Nathe seconded. All were in favor.

**Fr.Ivan- Finance:**

Online Giving Program (We Share) has been rolled out. St. Vincent DePaul has been added as an option. However, SVDP has its own bank account. At this point the money donated to that Ministry has to be deposited into Church Account and then a check made out and sent to SVDP. Fr. Ivan is working with staff to address the possibility of a SVDP direct link from WeShare.

**Mary Carol Heidrich**-**Maintenance:**

Railings in need of repair at the front entrance of Church and front entrance (Grand Ave. side) have been repaired.

HVAC work for school has been completed. Cooling and Heating of the School Building should now be evenly distributed to all areas.

Cafeteria has updated lighting, new ceiling and repainted. Ceiling in the Library will be installed now that HVAC work is completed. It will be completed be the beginning of the school year. Classrooms have been painted. A statue of St. Anthony of the Desert has been donated to be placed in the school building.

Fr. Ivan gave an update on the status of the Landslide at the North end of the campus. Work is in process to determine cause of the ongoing wetness of the soil. We suspect the cause is an inactive pipe that runs parallel to the north end of the campus. Don Knochelmann Administrator of Diocese Properties and Buildings is involved in this process. As a result Father discerned that it was in the parish’s best interest to resolve the landslide issue before beginning on the Sanctuary Renovation. The money from DPAA Rebate Program and other donations will be held in Escrow and not used for any other Parish Needs. The Rebate money cannot be assessed by the Diocese.

We are still looking for someone who will do multiple small concrete work around the campus.

**New Concerns brought forward:** All buildings, except the school, need to have all trim painted. The Church Windows must be painted this year. Father will follow up with Ambrocio about this matter.

The water leak in front of the Rectory is from a Water Dept. Pipe, the Dept. is aware of this. No work has yet been completed.

Last week heavy rain caused some water runoff into Fleming Hall Doorway. It is determined that the French Drain in front of the door is not adequate to handle heavy rain. Father will consult with a parishioner who is a plumber for his input on correcting this.

There also is water that comes down the wall on the Fleming Hall stage area when there is a heavy rain. It seems to be coming from the joint between the concrete entrance from the outside and the door way. The rain goes under the carpet. It has been suggested to Install Rubber Gaskets to the bottom of the door and then caulk the joints.

A parishioner has requested that we add weekday and 1st Saturday Mass times to the sign at the end of Grand Avenue. Fr. Ivan would like a digital sign. Mary Carol will follow up with Diocese for information that would address our unique need.

Both the upper and lower playgrounds are in need of blacktop resurfacing. Krista will check with a possible contact, Mary Carol will check with local companies for bids. Perhaps the PTO and Parish can share the cost?

There is an unsafe outlet in the Parish Center by the door to the basement.

A Security Camera or Smart Deadbolt will be installed to the main office door and to the Rectory door. The type of system is being explored.

**Tobias Nathe- Faith Formation**:

Symbolon I sessions went well. About 10 people participated through the 10 weeks. There was positive Feedback. Fr. Ivan and Tobias are considering offering Symbolon II in the fall. Women’s Group did not meet in July. The group met in August. The group will continue with The Reed of God, the Bible Reading for the month of August is the Gospel of John. Fr. Cleves will come to the October meeting to speak on Mary. The Men’s Group continues to meet.

**Krista Braun for Judy Dornbusch- School**

School starts August 17th. There is still need of Music and PE teachers one day per week.

New refrigeration equipment installed. A new Convection Oven is being given to the school.

Don Knochelmann wants us to have a new Hot Table. The issue is the one we have is so big to remove and take out of the building. A portable hot table is preferred.

**Laura Keener- Social Outreach:**

**Pro-Life**

United Christian Volunteers (an outreach of Master Provisions), 15 Kenton St., Elsmere, has free donated food available daily (Fridays donations are from Trader Joe’s), plus floors of misc. household items and clothing at very nominal prices.

Paula Westwood visited; resources available to anyone, much of the food is fresh and will not keep. It is a good local resource for those in need, between moves, victims of fire or whatever, etc.

Director is Charles Lambert, [charleslambert@fuse.net](mailto:charleslambert@fuse.net). Hours MTWF 9 a.m.-noon, Th 7 a.m.-noon, First Saturday sales 9 a.m.-1 p.m. All religious denominations welcome. Always seeking volunteers.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Since June, SVDP helped 11 families needing food, 5 families with clothing needs, 6 families needing furniture and 1 family with rent.

**Walter Tomas: Hispanic Ministry:**

The Guatemalan Community will participate in a Charismatic Weekend Retreat at the holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio.

There were 8 Baptisms this past week.

There has been improved attendance by Community Members. The Community is appreciative of the 2 Spanish Masses Fr. Ivan has added.

Bishop Iffert will be at St. Anthony January 18,, 2023 for Confirmation for 7th to 12th graders. Sr. Paula will be working with the children for sacrament preparation.

Walter Tomas will be working with Adults to prepare for Confirmation.

**Pete Manczyk-Deanery Report:**

The diocesan summary of the information gleaned from the Synod Listening Sessions and Online participation is now on the Diocesan website. There is a link to the report on the parish website’s Diocese link.

The Deanery Pastoral Council met recently. There will no longer be an Annual Pastoral Plan developed by Diocesan Offices and then presented by the Parish Deanery Representatives to their respective Parish Councils for review and input, with the Parish Representative then reporting back to the Deanery. Instead, Bishop Iffert presented a 3 year process to develop the Pastoral Plan.

The intent is to develop a bottom up approach (Laity to the Bishop) and what this will look like and how it will happen. Catholic Leadership Institute has been engaged to support the Dioceses in this new approach.

**Sr. Paula-Vocations**

Father and Sister Paula will develop a day of spiritual renewal for 7th graders in the spring.

**Fr. Ivan Comments:**

There is a change in School Mass schedule for the 2022-23 School year is: 12:15 Mass on Wednesdays for the Littles and an All School Mass at 8a.m. on Fridays.

Suggestion was made to Toll the Church Bells at Funeral Masses when the deceased’s body enters Church. Details are to be worked out.

**Krista Braun- Recreation, Hospitality,Festival:**

Krista provided a Festival update. Shirts will be ordered, we have the Gaming License, Alcohol Application has been submitted, Holy Cross High School will provide a bus with a CDL Driver. Raffle Tickets should be in this week. Information will be in the Bulletin in coming weeks. Laura Keener will help Krista get access to post on the Fall Fest Facebook Page.

Krista made a motion of adjourn, seconded by Sr. Paula.

Father Ivan closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be September 12th 6p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Carol Heidrich