

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Parish Council Meeting**

August 16, 2021

6:00 PM

Rectory

Minutes

Present: Pastor Ryan Harpole, Deacon Larry Conrad, Melissa Baysinger, Chris Desmarais, Chris Durbin, Francisco Flores, Rodney Schwartz, Claudia Valladares and Ben Warrell

Absent: Sojo Ngoy

Father Ryan opened the meeting with a prayer.

Parish Finances

Council members received the July financial report for review prior to the meeting.

Renew Work

The editor of Western Kentucky Catholic will interview Fr. Ryan and Bayne Million this week for an article about the Restoration project.

The final rental property has been demolished. The area will be used for parking.

Painting of the Angels and Holy Water Font was not part of the original scope of work by Conrad Schmidt. A local artist has been retained to do this.

Fr. Ryan reported the new pews will not be delivered in time for the Dedication. They are due to arrive in 2-3 weeks. Until then chairs will be used in the church.

Installation of the new flooring is in process.

Handrails are being installed.

Cleaning is ongoing.

There is interest in erecting a statue of the Holy Family on the grounds. This may be considered in the future if funds are available.

Liturgy

The church is being prepared for the Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, August 21. A practice will take place on Friday and the pictures and other items will be moved from the Parish Hall back into the Church. The new altar and ambo will be placed in the Church.

Parish Life

About 20 members of the Bowling Green Catholic group attended a Hot Rod game on August 10. The last meeting of this session will be held Tuesday with hopes Holy Spirit might sponsor another session in the future.

Another over 50s potluck will take place Wednesday, September 1.

The new Women's Group continues to meet.

The Stained Glass Series will resume in October.

RCIA classes start on Tuesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm.

Faith Formation classes begin September 15th at 6:00 pm.

As previously discussed, the Fall Picnic will be on October 24 from 4-6 PM. The event will include music, bouncy houses, chili and desserts.

The annual Hispanic Congress is planned for September 25-26.

Other Business

Ben Warrell reported the summer camp has been quite successful. September is booked solid. The Camp is partnering with St. Mary's Church in Whitesville on a new program. 12 men from the parish will attend the camp for a program which will focus on strengthening parish life when they return home. It is hoped other parishes in the Diocese will eventually participate. Kitchen and housekeeping help are urgently needed at the camp.

Rodney Schwartz announced enrollment stands at 335 for the year. The new outdoor area is being prepared. There will be two children's choirs this year. A third High School credit will be offered this year in Biology.

Music

Melissa Baysinger stated the music teacher from St. Joseph School, Lacy Magre, has agreed to oversee the Saturday night choir.

Miscellaneous

The diocesan-wide Marian Shrine Committee is hopeful a new shrine can be built on campus. They are exploring fundraising opportunities.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM with a closing prayer by the group.

Next Parish Council meeting will be September 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM.