

Parish Council minutes 1.11.24

Attendance: Joan Maley, Joseph Glykys, Wayne Fett, Mary Lu Callahan, Logan Vittetoe, Shirley Schneider, Father Chuck, Barb Lopez, Bill Montag, Bill Mausser, Cecilia Roudabush
Excused: Mick Langguth

Changes to 11.29.23 minutes were read. Mary Lu approved, Joan seconded.

New Business

Shirley, Cece, Father and Bill meet to discuss elections. Shirley and Dimy will step down and Joseph will complete his service. Bill Montag will step in for Shirley, so we need a president elect. No changes to the Regina members. Chris Harris (?) Think of others who have served on commissions or committees and invite them to consider serving on the Parish Council

Meeting change: March meeting will be Th, 3/7 due to a conflict for Father Chuck.

Website updates: parish council updated; Angie managing the whole website making it more readable and user-friendly. stmparishfamily.com (look it over for praise and suggestions); nice graphics for announcements. Parish app: daily readings, reflections, announcements, bulletins, need to look at push notifications, QR code: ask Angie about website and bulletin—add announcements like mass cancellations, special events like Ash Wed.

Holy Thursday—3.28.24 6 pm mass. Parish Council will help wash the feet (6+). We'll discuss next month and finalize volunteers.

Welcoming and Belonging is doing a new member Quarterly meal starting 1.28.24 after 11 am mass. Please come and greet and introduce yourselves to new members, talk about commissions. People at mass will be asked to stand and come downstairs for coffee and donuts after 8:30 and meal after 11 am mass.

LGBTQ+ meeting Patrick Schmedeke/Fr. Kent Kuntz (Diocesan Administrator). Mary Lu found him to be engaging and it was good for Fr. Kent to hear the message. Some of the people in attendance were allies with about a dozen identifying as LGBTQ+. All said they feel welcome here, especially by Father Chuck. No decisions made but good conversation. Very positive. Only 1 other church advertised. Article will be in Messenger. W and B email from Patrick Ministry on the Margins (workshop for all clergy and 1 day for youth leaders; speaker from NCYC) at St. Pat's in the fall. Review for yourself. Talk about W and B for schools. Shirley will send the links out again.

Church build: Father Chuck got permission to sign the contract this morning. Signed at 2 pm. We are officially committed to breaking ground in spring! John LePeau announced \$9,767,000.34. \$438,000+ in December alone! Finance Merritt Construction holds our

baseline contract \$9.2 mil not including finishing lower level. \$6.2 mil in bank—great interest rate brought in about \$40,000 a quarter. \$9.7 pledged \$7.3 received. \$3-3.5 mil loan for principal amount.

ADA goal \$115,000 we are at \$109,000. Campaign extends through the end of the school year.

Art Committee is going to design a stain-glassed window. Mary Lu is representing Parish Council on this committee.

New Bishop Deaneries are discussing qualities we want to see in the new Bishop. Give to new bishop things we'd like to see for our diocese when he announces. Bishop Zinkula was a really good listener, he went to see for himself and meet others "tell me more"; accomplished at outreach (Prison Ministry and RAGBRAI. Approachable by adults AND youth (NCYC and confirmation)! Sense of humor. Articulate and good messages/statements. Contributed to Catholic Messenger and had a podcast. Comfortable with modern communication/web-literate. Meeting at end of month if you have any more ideas.

Commission Reports

CLFL—meet next Wed 2.2.24 Over 50's March and April meetings. Donuts-new sign and continues to do well and get volunteers.

FF—met last week. Young Adult (21-39) group wanting to get off the ground again. Leah Rios info on how we might invite Youth Group. CLFL get the group going then Youth Group goes on their own with support from CLFL. Social and spiritual component in the group. St. Pat's and St. Ludmilla's have vibrant groups so Barb will be in contact with them. Also talking about getting RE Family parents involved in a group doing a prayer hour, Rosary.

REI—Tom and Kim Novak working on a mini-retreat with a guest speaker. Reviewed last year and decided to repeat or update or do something different. Film/dinner went well.

Social Action/Social Justice—2 expanded Fair Trade Sales was very successful. Combined meeting with St. Ludmilla's to share ideas on RE Parents. Supported a family at Catholic Worker House with presents. Retreat postponed for 1.13.24. Might be rescheduled to Feb.

Welcome Commission Advent/Christmas Cards sent to members. Picture of the church with nice message. Welcoming last weekend of every month. Door greeters signing up by QR code. Looking at Welcome intentions at Prayers of the Faithful. Welcome in worship aids. How do people contact after office hours—mailbox by handicapped door.

WS—all Christmas masses were well-attended. No one was in the basement except at 4 pm (1100 people). Easter is coming up quickly. Fast on Valentine's Day for Ash Wed.

Regina Board of Education: budgeting now. EAS panning out for the school. Parish assessments might go down. We have one of the highest in the state.

Youth member–NCYC in mid-November was very successful. Logan and friends all loved it and want to return. The church and diocese did a great job. Leaders talked to current youth group and confirmation classes about how it went and joining in future years. Youth leaders met with Angie: goal is to get more youth involved after confirmation. 10 events in next 6-8 months. Service, fun, Mercy Me concert at extreme arena, For King and Country movie.

Knights: Rosary, chili supper after 5:15 next Saturday night. Happy 95th to Father Chuck's mom!

Stephen Ministry: Meliza Wise is stepping down. Kathy Nepola roles changing. Arlene Saugling oldest church member at 102. Died Sunday.

Closing Prayer

Motion to close: Barb motioned; Wayne 2nd