

Parish Council Minutes: 2-21-23

Present: Fr. Maus, Fr Degele, McKenna Schmitz, Meghan Selk, Nick Schmitz, Dan Keller, Nathan Schneider, Liza Renaud, Edwin Pfeifer, Deacon Mohn, and Deacon Steve.

Absent: Ricardo Vasquez, Justin Klein.

New members, Liza Renaud and Edwin Pfeifer, were introduced to the other members.

Opening prayer was led by Fr Maus.

Minutes were reviewed. Nathan moved that they be approved, and McKenna seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Business discussed was:

1. Our Parish Steering Committee met for the second time on Feb 15, 2023 with Ackerman Estvold to continue discussion on the Master Plan. They were given plan ideas to look at and comment on what they liked and didn't like. Ackerman Estvold went back with more ideas to add and subtract from their plans. The Steering Committee will be meeting with them on Mar 8, 2023.

Items discussed were:

- a. The number of classrooms and sizes were discussed and the need for a music room and offices for staff. A new parish hall to the south of our church is being considered with the present dining room being converted to classrooms. An extension to the east end of our parish office is being considered for additional space for needed rooms.
 - b. A permanent place in the main church for our tabernacle and moving the altar to the middle of the sanctuary. Moving the sanctuary to the north end of the church is being considered and putting the baptismal font under the skylight in the present sanctuary.
 - c. Adding on to the south side of the present rectory to provide additional room for priests. Looking to the future, there could be an additional one or two priests living in the rectory. Garages would be built for priests' vehicles.
 - d. Looked at building a new pantry on the SW corner of our church property. Concerns were raised about the size of the building, how it would look next to residential property and across the street from Edison School. It was also mentioned that we might discuss joining with Lord's Cupboard food pantry and not build a new pantry.
2. There will be a parish mission on Feb 26, 27, 28. Patty Schneier will be the presenter. There will be fellowship after each session and childcare during the three evening sessions.
3. Bishop Ryan is beginning work on a Master Plan to build a new school, and it could be used by the local churches for classes and other events. This would affect the number of classrooms we would need for future classes here in our parish. It also would make it possible for the local churches to share teacher resources, etc. Concern was mentioned that we do not lose parish identity by having classes and other events in a location other than our church.

Our next meeting will be March 14, 2023.

Submitted by Deacon Steve