

Blessed Sacrament Parish Council Minutes

February 14, 2023

- ATTENDANCE: Justin Jehn, Anne Scheve , Nancy Fischesser, Madonna Vinicombe, Steve Langguth, Absent: Melissa Stegman, Tom Hudepohl
- MEETING BEGAN: 7:06 PM the council Reading the Mission Statement.
- MINUTES: Approval of January minutes 1st by Fr Hils and 2nd by Nancy Fischesser
- OLD BUSINESS: Youth Group had 20+ 4-6th graders at first meeting.
- FINANCE: Announcements at last weekend masses to help parishioners understand what is going on financially & educate on current affairs. Flyers distributed. Finance committee will evaluate fixed costs and look for any opportunities. Next meeting end of February to look at expenses. Pre-school enrollment is going well. Kindergarten enrollment is also going well and may increase to 3 classes next fall.
- RESPECT LIFE: Baby bottle campaign ended the weekend of 2/13/2023. Parishioners can continue to drop off bottles to the parish office. Original donations were tracking downward from past years but a lot came in recently.
- BOOSTERS: No report
- St Vincent de Paul: January biggest month ever. Over 70 cases in December. Average is low/mid 50's. "KY helping @ Home" Rent assistance isn't available now and we cannot direct those in need there. SVDP is looking to partner with another group to provide rent assistance options. \$7K is average that SVDP gives in rent assistance. SVDP NKY district boundary is covered by our group. Other local parishes are being recruited to join. March 18th is the 100th anniversary celebration. BSS, Holy Cross, Mother of God are founding parishes. Invitations have been sent out. Bishop Iffert is attending. BSS chose SVDP as their charity for Catholic Schools Week. This was a very successful charity drive.
- Catholic Synod: No
- OUTREACH: See DRE's Report on a separate document
- Pastors Report: Ash Wednesday begins the One Heart Program. Survey was done right before COVID and so many things have changed and a new survey will be sent out online but handouts will be distributed (every parish will be doing this), This is not costing the parish anything as it is a diocesan project. Sound System is being worked on. The upgrade was has been ordered (6-8 months ago) Fr Hils or Carol Rector will be calling for an update. 2 Council member seats need to be filled. Fr Hils will contact Jennifer Summe to assist. March 25/26th school play will be performed in undercroft. Looking into options for a new curtain fort for the stage. New integrated phone system will use same extensions between school and parish. Evening 2 Treasure coming up at end of February. Newport Casino night is put on my the development committee. Sunday, April 23 is Fine Arts Day after the 11am mass which includes choir, music, art and performances. The Halloran property (1.8 acres) along entire back of property was being held for the school but the amount could not be raised.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
- NEW BUSINESS: Investigate the terms for Parish Council and confirm with the bylaws.

ADJOURNMENT: President called for any other new business, and seeing none, called for adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2023

DRE REPORT

February 2023

Submitted by Rosanne Thomas, DRE

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

- PSR will be providing the diocesan-mandated Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) this spring. We hope to have some results to show before the end of the school year.

LENT:

- We have a Lenten series beginning Monday, February 27th at the same time as PSR, and Tuesdays, beginning February 28, 6:30—8:00 p.m. Eternal Rest is a theological journey from the fall of Adam and Eve to the resurrection of Jesus. It is anchored by a 4-part video series on Formed.org with prayer and discussion guides.
- Back by popular demand, the Parish Pasta Parlor returns for one night—February 24: Meatless pasta dishes in the undercroft, served from 6:30-7:30 p.m., following the Way of the Cross. I've heard from several parishioners who said they missed the Lenten pasta suppers and are looking forward to attending. WWP and TMIY members are hosting.
- Food Truck Nights: March 3 and 17, 5:30 – 10:00 p.m. we will have meatless meals and snacks served from food trucks in the back parking lot. The Undercroft will be open for dining in case of inclement weather. The school parent club is organizing this.
- Stations of the Cross—Every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

- As BSS preschool plans are forming, Marilyn Cozzi and I asked for and received some of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd manipulatives that our parish (Immaculate Heart of Mary in Anderson) used before discontinuing the program that I started there over 25 years ago. They had already given away many of the things I made, but they gave us what was left, and it is enough to help BSS preschool get started with this wonderful approach to catechesis.

SACRAMENTAL PREP:

- Our confirmation retreat is planned for March 12th. Please keep our candidates in prayer as they enter the last few months of preparation. Confirmation is May 9th.
- Children preparing for first Holy Communion have a retreat coming up on March 28th. Their parents will accompany them.