

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting 5/17/2021

Attendees:

Fr. Joe MacCarthy (Pastor)
Benjamin Hansberry
Bill Kisich
Edocy Aldeus
Leslie S. Oliver
Norbert DeAmato
Sarah Iker Hansberry
Steve Kerwin, (Business Manager)

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introduction of attendees including our 2 new parish council members Ben Hansberry and Sarah Iker Hansberry
3. St' John passed the Sexual abuse audit by the RCAB.
4. Many of the staff have completed their Cory reports. The rest of us will be contacted soon.
5. The collaboration with St. Peter's Church is still scheduled for June 2020. Fr. Joe would like to start to share Masses with St. Peter's and have some joint meetings with various ministries starting this September. Current plans are for Fr Lenny O'Malley, current pastor at St. Peter's to retiree and for Fr. Joe to assume responsibilities as Pastor for both Churches. Both churches and parish will remain separate for now, including their finances.
6. Catholic Appeal update. As of the meeting \$26,000 has been raised towards our \$30,000 goal. UPDATE: as of 5/22/2022, Fr. Joe announced that we have reached our Catholic Appeal assessment goal.
7. Mass Attendance: Since Easter, numbers has been going up between 57-89 people for each mass. We are currently around 50% of pre covid numbers.
8. Financial- Steve :
 - a. Steve reported that for the current fiscal year which stated July 1, 2020, we are \$82,500 below budget. Last year we were \$71,500 over budget. This is a swing of \$154,000, but with some generous donors and fiscally responsible management we are able to sustain the operations of the Parish.
 - b. We lost @ \$120,000 from parking fees
 - c. We lost @12,000 from hall rentals
 - d. During the pandemic, E-giving donations are up but we are down @ \$22,000 from weekly collections
 - e. St. John's received an SBA loan (Payroll Protection Program) of \$39,000. Under the program terms, the Parish received 100% forgiveness for this loan. The Parish also received another forgivable \$59,700 federal loan to cover expenses during the pandemic.
 - f. Major expenses to run parish:
 - i. Payroll \$20,500 per month
 - ii. Benefits: \$2800 per month
 - iii. Utilities, Snow removal, insurance, maintenance (see the last fiscal annual report on the St. John's website for a breakdown of these expenses)
 - g. Cash accounts:
 - i. Reserves \$20,000

- ii. Capital account \$12,000
 - iii. Stock/donations \$25,000
 - 1. Total \$60,000 cash surplus
 - h. Need to have some new options to raise funding
- 9. update on new Paysley e-giving system-Norbert:
 - a. Still researching product. We have come up with around 12 items that need to be addressed by Paysley before we can implement the new system. Some have been corrected but here are the remaining open issues and the time line for implementation is not clear:
 - i. Major concerns:
 - 1. only wallet donations are posted for the donor. Credit card donations must be keep tallied by the donor.
 - 2. totals from wallet and credit card are not combined for the donor
 - 3. the wallet cannot be used for recurring donations
 - 4. Donor not able to get a total of all their donations.
 - 5. Difficulty in setting up wallet. Ben has volunteered to set up a Paysley wallet and report back
 - b. 2 of the main reasons we are looking into the paysley system. Collection of emails and use of QR codes
 - i. Collection of emails and ease of donation.
 - 1. We have many emails in our current online egiving system and the young adult group has emails of their members. We can get all these into our current system and generate an email list from these
 - 2. Would it be possible to have an “email registrations” weekend where we would have volunteers set up at the church before and after masses to collect parishioners email address
 - 3. Add a line on the current envelopes where donors could write their email address
 - ii. use of a QR code
 - 1. It is possible to can generate a qr code for the current St. John’s e-giving system using free software available on the web
 - 2. We should research our current e-giving system and see what capabilities it has that we are not using.

10. Closing Prayer

Norbert DeAmato