

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes
August 22, 2022
Secretary: Ben Kwedar

Opening Prayer- Ben Kwedar

Review and approve the June meeting notes - Name corrected to Doug Briggs. June notes were approved unanimously and posted on parish website.

Father Joe Updates

- Deb Howerton is our new office manager.
- There will be landscape work starting next month on the back end of the rectory. The deck on the back of the rectory needs staining. Father was very pleased with the landscape work that was done on the front of the rectory.
- Repaving of the church parking lot is the next task to complete. The church roof will need to be completed the following year. The carpeting in Kollross hall will be replaced or repaired.
- John Dubetz repaired ceiling tiles throughout the building.
- The Faith formation vestibule dry wall has been repaired.
- The Church will get bids for a new phone system. Debbie will email contact information for Heart Technologies. Heart Technologies is the phone service her company uses, and they are fairly cheap and provide great service.
- Father is hoping the new ministry scheduler will be looked at and make filling ministry openings easier.
- Debbie asked about church attendance. Father Joe said about 602 parishioners attended mass last weekend.
- Sister Judy asked Father Joe to bring up the importance of families attending mass to the parents of children in faith formation.
- Rachel asked if there is a way to display a message at the beginning of our Sunday mass YouTube recording about who to contact about bringing the Eucharist to the homebound.
- Sister Judy will ask John Kennedy if he can disable comments on YouTube after the mass is over.

Group Discussion

Old Business

- **Gavin reported on Quest**
 - Overall, Quest was a success. It was led mostly by underclassmen. It consisted of faith-based activities and discussions. The Quest participants put popsicle labels on popsicles for the 4th of July watchers in parking lot

- **Amy update on Church Website**
 - The Next big project for the website is finishing the sign up for ministers. Amy is - Waiting until September to start the process of incorporating the new web page design.
 - Father has signed the contract with LPI to update the website
- **Jennifer update on LED Sign**
 - The Chatham code enforcement manager said they are reviewing everything on a case-by-case basis. He would be willing to meet with someone from the church to go over dimensions, light leak, etc. Jennifer can put together a sketch and will set up a meeting with the code enforcement manager. Father, Jennifer, and Rick will be attending.
 - Father Joe would like the sign to be a little closer to the corner. Size and position could be like the sign at the Baptist church in Chatham. Jennifer asked if it made more sense to have the sign facing Park Street as it would have more traffic.
- **Update on the 4th of July popsicle give away**
 - Quest labeled the popsicles. There were popsicles left over, but the crowd wasn't as big as it has been in years past. Sister Judy reported that Dawn thought the give away was successful and that one person made a comment about possibly returning to church.
- **Dinner circle**
 - Pat reached out for instructions on how to plan for another Dinner Circle. In the past, people chose the days they would be open to meet for dinner and then groups were formed. The intent of the groups was for people to get to know other parishioners. The last time the dinner circle was planned it lasted for three months, (Sept, Oct, November) and participants met once a month. Sister Judy volunteered to bring up the dinner circle at the parish staff meeting to see if anyone could think of someone who could possibly lead it. Sister Judy was also going to reach out to a couple of possible candidates.
- **Pat and Debbie update on Parish brochures to distribute to hotels**
 - Pat called 8 hotels. Five said yes and three said no to wanting brochures. Pat and Debbie will continue to reach out to the other hotels on the list. Father. Joe would like Pat and Debbie to ask the hotels if they have our mass times available if guests inquire.
 - Father Joe will ask Sue about the status of updating brochure
- **Weeds in the parking lot**

Thanks to everyone who helped get the weeds in the parking lot cleaned up in time for the 4th of July.

Some possible ideas for keeping the parking lot weeds under control included:

- We could investigate adding the task to the high school service hour list. Gavin said the service hour list at the high school is outdated.
- Sister Judy said we used to have people in charge of different parts in the parking lot.

- Father Joe said he would investigate some possibilities. Debbie said she would provide Father with the contact information of the services that her business uses.
- Rachel asked if we are going to plant anything in the middle since many of those areas don't have a significant number of plants. Father Joe replied we are going to be looking at parking lot drainage, so major landscaping will be postponed until that is done.

New Business

- **Planning for future focus on the Eucharistic events**
 - Nothing has been finalized at the diocese yet. Father Joe may have more of an update after the next Priest council meeting.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Sister Judy saw a notice on the Chamber News about Trunk or Treat at Prairie View Reception Center.