

St. Sebastian Parish Council Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM and opened with a prayer.

Acknowledgement of the Agenda and the November meeting minutes was then given and approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee:

- The Bishops Appeal goal this year is \$15,315.00.
- The Journeysongs books have been paid for.
- Health insurance premiums have increased 6.5%. Dental premiums are up 3%.
- A study of the parish roster shows that we have 178 registered families. Of this number only 99 families contribute to the support of the parish.

Cemetery:

- No report other than we had one burial so far this year.

Building and Grounds:

- Question was raised on who is responsible for the south parking lot flood light. It is not working.
- The church holding tank alarm went off despite the tank having been pumped three weeks before. No reason for the alarm was found. In the future we should be aware that this alarm may not always indicate a full tank but it will still have to be checked for assurance. Users of the church are reminded to check the restrooms after all gatherings to make sure faucets and toilets are not running.

Religious Education:

- The focus for the year is on "Faith & Family".
- Things done in this regard are: student Masses, chocolates, cookies, bells, and medals given out after Masses. Emphasis on parish involvement and hospitality are being promoted.
- Upcoming possibilities being looked at are a Palm Sunday procession, May Crowning, and Pentecost celebration.
- Six students will be making their First Holy Communion of April 24.
- Planning is being done for the Confirmation students to take a trip to the Shrine in May or June. Parishioners will be invited to join the group.
- The DVD series on Acts (of the Apostles) is being held in the Parish Hall after Sunday Mass. All are invited to attend.

Christian Women:

- Promotion of the Hygiene Drive for the homeless. Things needed are cleaning supplies, feminine products, toiletries, baby care items, etc.

Worship:

- The schedule for Lent and Easter is as follows:
 1. Devine Mercy Chaplet at 12:50 P.M. each Sunday of Lent to be followed by Stations of the Cross at 1:00 P.M.

2. Holy Thursday Mass at St. Sebastian at 6:30 P.M.
 3. Good Friday Service at St. John's at 1:00 P.M.
 4. Holy Saturday Mass at St. John's – 8:15 P.M.
 5. Easter Sunday Masses will be at the regular times.
- The laptop music is working well and we are blessed to have volunteers willing to control it and lead the singing for Mass. More volunteers are still being sought.
 - We will be looking into using an I-pad also for playing music. More songs have been recorded for downloading.

Other Business:

- The upcoming **one by One** diocesan campaign was discussed briefly. More will be learned when a diocesan meeting with both parish committees is scheduled.
- Spring cleaning of the church will be held on Saturday April 9.
- We will need to elect a Trustee Treasurer this spring. Jake Hodkiewicz has served his three term limit.

The next St. Sebastian Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday May 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Committees will meet at 6:00 p.m.