

Parish Council Meeting – November 2021

Attendance

Present:

Steve Casper
Renee Gehring
Dan Hobert
Peter Mauer – Trustee
Teri Moseler - Staff
Jon Purdy
Deacon Allen

Excused:

Christine Aicher
Dorothy Bennett
Dawn Timm - Trustee

Absent:

Meeting Commenced – 6:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Daniel Hobert

Old Business

- 1) Previous meeting minutes approved
 - a. Steve Casper moved to approve and Teri seconded
- 2) All Team meeting night December 13th
 - a. Asked all team leaders to show up at 5:30 for discussion regarding the Parish Priority Plan
 - i. Not many responses so maybe push out to the 10th of January

New Business

- 1) Christine noted that the Community Mission team is uninspired by their name and would like to have it named something more meaningful. Deacon will discuss with them at their next meeting.
- 2) Propose canceling the December meeting
- 3) Parish Priority Plan
 - a. Chris and Teri will work on language for definitions of Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction and present them to Deacon Allen for review

Team Reports

- 1) Liturgy and Worship
 - a. Talked about the definition of Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction as it regards to the Parish Priority Plan
 - b. Talked about Thanksgiving Prayers that were given out at Church this past weekend
 - c. Talked about the 24-hour adoration for this weekend
 - d. Talked about the Advent wreath lighting

- i. First week will be found by Staff and then each family will ask the family for the following week
- e. The Archdiocese has scheduled The Gift of Sunday Advent Missions with 18 parishes and priests taking part. It will be on December 1 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Chris will promote this through the bulletin and email blast.

2) Community Mission

- f. They want to be renamed
- g. Our Christmas Mission trip this year will be to Ashland, Montana and take place on December 9-11, as Pine Ridge is still locked down because of COVID. We will be providing school supplies for four schools. Bob Tremmel will be the driver again this year. On Sunday, December 5th at noon, members of the Community Mission Team will organize and pack everything. Then the truck will be loaded on December 8 at 2:00
- h. Jacyntha has already received 250 quilts from two churches. St. Charles will again be providing us with 150 gifts. New Threads will donate 75 boxes of warm clothes which will be picked up December 8th when we pick up the 26-foot truck we will be using
- i. The Giving Tree went up in both churches on November 6^h and 7^h. Gifts will need to be returned by December 5th.
- j. Carol and Rita reported that the baby bottles collected for the Seed of Hope Pregnancy Center have been returned. They are hoping that the baby shower will be able to be held again in Spring. They also attended the Gala for the Seed of Hope Center's biggest fundraiser on October 29th and the items they donated for the auction netted about \$700

3) Buildings and Grounds

- k. Monches
 - i. Still waiting on the Archdiocese to approve \$43,000 contract with Kappi Construction to install a new roof. Also waiting to approve a \$48,000 contract with Citywide for tuckpointing for church and parsonage chimney.
 - ii. Tom called Roman Electric to request an estimate for the globe light in the parking lot
 - iii. 5 Start Painting completed the pressure washing and painting, except the doors and steeple
 - iv. Requesting a second estimate from Mertin Cabinets for door restoration/replacement at both sites
- l. North Lake
 - i. Nick Moen has been contacted for an estimate for removal and concrete replacement of some (~4) distressed sidewalk areas.
 - ii. Marilyn Guenther noted that there is hole in the steeple, with birds nesting
 - iii. Terry Gille & Tom Hansinger stained the west and southwest church doors.

4) Parish Life

- m. The Welcome Back Celebration on September 12th at Monches Park was a wonderful gathering.
- n. Friendship Sunday was well attended

- o. The annual Craft Fair at Monches is December 4th - any available team member can contact Diane Cull to help that day.
 - p. Next Friendship Sunday will be December 11th and 12th
- 5) Finance Council
- q. Deanna Courtney is now on Staff as the new Business Manager. She is taking over for Rick Berger
 - r. VV land sale funds have been invested in various Vanguard funds
 - s. Income is right on budget (up 7.5% over last year)
 - t. Cemetery 27,500
 - u. Cement is in on the Columbarium
 - v. Expenses for Capital improvement were < last year but will likely be higher next year as some planned work is moved to then.
- 6) Formation and Discipleship
- a. Fall Festival
 - i. Made \$1,500 which was about the same as last year
 - ii. Received very positive feedback
 - iii. Would like to have Fall Festival on a Sunday next year and also earlier in the month
 - iv. Have team be more involved with promotion and execution of festival
 - b. Adult Formation
 - c. Parent Meeting Attendance
 - d. Catechist Christmas Gifts
 - e. Increasing Team Membership

Deacon Report

- 1) Columbarium
 - a. As soon as the plates are on they will be fully functional. They are up at both sites right now.
- 2) Window wells finished
 - a. Ladders planned to be installed for easy egress
 - b. Will help greatly in eliminating moisture in the lower level
- 3) Breaking Bread book exchange last Sunday
 - a. Took about an hour, which is about 7 hrs. less than normal
- 4) LED lights on the front of the church will be replaced
 - a. Lights are already outdated and can't get parts
 - b. Will be replaced by Roman Electric
- 5) Want to split confessional in half with a nice bar and tapestry curtain. We can use the space behind the curtain to store folding tables and chairs.
 - a. There will still be plenty of room and it will still be a confessional
 - b. Will actually be better as it will angle Father's chair a little more
 - c. Marilyn Guenther would like to get it done in the next couple of weeks
- 6) Communal Penance scheduled for Saturday December 4th from 10:30 – Noon
 - a. There is an "Exalt" on Wed., Dec. 15th. There will be 2 priests there that evening who can also take confession.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Allen
Next Meeting is on December 20th

6 PM – 7:30 PM