

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

April 12, 2023

Members present: Amy Fogle-Stiff, Lee Hopewell, Rosalyn Carter, Dan Heckel, Clarissa Phelps, Father Pat, Father Joe, Will Jerome, Freda O'Bryan. Members absent: James Craig, Jennifer Keller, Deacon Mike.

Opening prayer read by Amy Fogle-Stiff. Minutes were approved without changes.

**Stewardship book study:** Members discussed Chapters 3 and 4 of *Stewardship Success*. They will discuss chapters 5-6 at the May meeting.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelization: No report. Rosalyn Carter discussed the plans for the April 15 trivia night.

Finance and Day Care: Dan said the committee liked the idea of a card in the pews for donations, but it needs to be tied into an online donation account as part of a new website. The security cameras were installed. Father Pat reported that Erin Kirk is the interim day care director.

Picnic: No report.

Liturgy: No report since Easter.

Stewardship: Rosalyn said the committee meets in the coming week, will need volunteers to help with thank you cards and follow-up calls for the stewardship forms. The fish fries made about \$10,000.

Safety and Building/Grounds: Will said we are seeking bids for bathroom renovations in the parish hall, the cost will probably be \$12,000 to \$15,000. They are not handicapped accessible, will not meet code.

Faith Formation/Education: Clarissa reported that we received 401 part I reflections for the two-part *Spiritual & Faith Journey Reflections* collected throughout Lent, with about one-third of them from people outside of Lourdes. We received over 50 part II reflections, with the majority from Lourdes members. We are beginning to utilize the information in the development and promotion of formation opportunities. The Part II Reflection included the Diocesan Eucharistic Listening session conversation points. The information will be compiled and shared with the Diocese. The first formation opportunity begins April 27 with the Rescue Project with Fr. John Riccardo. There is also a day of adoration on April 29, and First Communion on April 30. Vacation Bible School is the week of July 9.

There was extensive discussion about the responsibilities of faith formation, and the need for youth ministry.

Social Concerns: Amy reported that one member is getting an overall picture of the social concerns work happening in the parish. Another member is contacting all the parishes in Owensboro and making an effort to collaborate with their social concerns committees.

