

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

Feb. 1, 2023

Members present: Amy Fogle-Stiff, Lee Hopewell, Rosalyn Carter, Jennifer Keller, Dan Heckel, Deacon Mike, Father Pat, Father Joe, Will Jerome.

Members absent: Freda O'Bryan, Clarissa Phelps, James Craig.

Guests: Phil Haire, co-chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

Opening prayer read by Amy Fogle-Stiff.

Minutes of the Dec. 7, 2022, meeting were approved without change.

Amy said she would invite Katina Hayden from Catholic Charities to attend the March meeting to discuss using Lourdes in case of community emergency.

Jennifer Keller was welcomed as a new member, replacing Geri Jones.

Will Jerome agreed to serve as vice chairman for the rest of the term through June, replacing Geri Jones. He was approved unanimously.

Phil Haire said the increased offertory giving program will begin at Mass on Feb. 11-12, it's a nine-week program. He asked for the Parish Council's support of the program, and to help with follow-up calls after the donation cards have been sent.

Stewardship book: Since not everyone had a copy of the "Stewardship Success" book, discussion of chapters 1 and 2 was rescheduled for the March meeting.

Trivia night: Rosalyn Carter said the Trivia night fundraiser is April 15. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes dinner. It will be a cash bar, a bartender is already lined up. There are eight rounds and there are sponsors for each round at \$100 each. There will also be an auction. Proceeds will go toward paying for a digital sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Amy said we have more committees than we have Council members. She suggested that we combine the Safety Committee with Buildings and Grounds, and combine the Day Care Committee with the Finance committee. Members of those committees will discuss that with their committees, but the Council was in favor.

Finance: Dan Heckel said Finance did not meet in January because the priests were at a convocation. He did note that Lourdes received \$100,000 in December from leftover Covid funding from the state.

Picnic: Lee Hopewell reported that the committee rejected the idea of having a full picnic in the fall, because it's too difficult to find workers and the only booth that makes a profit is the cake wheel. They recommended keeping the drive-through picnic on June 17th. For the raffle, it is recommending selling 20 \$5 tickets rather than 15. It also recommended having tickets available

in late February or early March, rather than waiting until May. Dan Heckel said he had a concern with urging ticket sales at the same time the parish is talking about increasing giving to the collection.

Liturgy: Deacon Mike shared upcoming Mass times for Confirmation, Ash Wednesday and the feast of St. Blaise. Stations of the Cross are every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. and noon Tuesdays. Fish fries begin Feb 24. Soup and salad and a sermon is three Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., beginning March 9th at the Parish Hall.

Stewardship: Rosalyn Carter deferred to Phil Haire's report.

Safety: No report.

Daycare: No report

Building/Grounds: Will Jerome reported that the security cameras we were going to buy would not be satisfactory – they cannot recognize license plates. We also need four cameras inside the church, not just one. This will increase the costs of purchase by \$4,000. He also said the parish hall men's room toilets and urinals need to become touchless to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Faith Formation/Education: No report

Social Concerns: Amy reported that the committee wants to educate the parish on Catholic social teaching, beginning in September. During Lent, there will be a daily calendar to keep social concerns on our minds. She has a goal to pull all the social concerns committees of other parishes together to see what sort of impact they could make working together.


Priest report: Father Pat said the priest's convocation was great, and well attended.

Communications: Dan said the committee did not meet in January, but is discussing needs for social media, email contacts and a one-call system to notify members of the parish.

The next Parish Council meeting is March 1, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

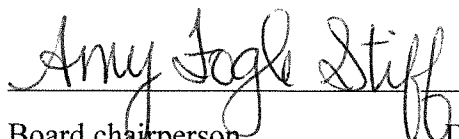
Submitted by Dan Heckel, secretary.



Pastor

3/1/23

Date



Board chairperson

3/1/23

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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

March 1, 2023

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

Opening prayer read by Amy Fogle-Stiff

Guests: Katina Hayden, director of case management for Catholic Charities, and Scott Ingram, prevention director, building liaison, emergency operations for Catholic Charities. They sought approval to use the Lourdes Parish Hall as a distribution center in case of a disaster. The Council unanimously recommended approval. They also are in need of volunteers from the parish to be trained in case of emergency. Will Jerome will schedule a training time.

Stewardship book study: Members discussed the first two chapters of *Stewardship Success*. They will discuss chapters 3-4 at the April meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelization: No report.

Finance: Dan Heckel said the committee approved additional spending on security cameras without another vote if \$3,000 was secured from the Disciples Response Fund. (Father Pat announced that the grant funding was approved.)

Picnic: No report.

Liturgy: Lourdes Penance service on March 20 at 6 p.m. The Soup and Salad talks will feature Jay Vanhoosier on March 9, Farther Tony Shonis on March 16 and someone else on March 23.

Stewardship: Committee will wait until after the Increased Offertory Program to survey the parish about Mass times. Will Jerome recommended pursuing Venmo for Mass donations.

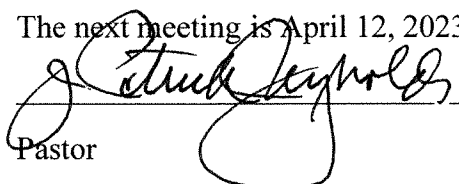
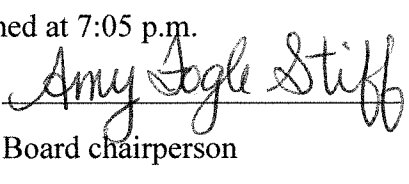
Safety and Building/Grounds: There was discussion on increasing the deposit for renting the parish hall, due to some damage left by renters. The new rates were approved for \$250 for parishioners, \$500 for nonparishioners.

Faith Formation/Education: No report

Social Concerns: Amy reported that the daily calendar for Lent was placed in the bulletin, which will help instruct the parish about Catholic social teaching.

Priest report: Father Pat said some Indian priests enjoyed their first fish fry.

The next meeting is April 12, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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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.

Priest report: No report. There was discussion about possibly changing Sunday Mass times to 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting is May 3, 2023. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.


Pastor _____ Date 5/3/23


Board chairperson _____ Date 5/3/23

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

May 3, 2023

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

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

Stewardship book study: Members discussed Chapters 5 and 6 of *Stewardship Success*. They will discuss chapters 7-8 at the June meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelization: No report. Jennifer asked for guidance on what the council expects for this committee.

Finance and Day Care: Dan reported that the Owensboro Catholic Schools assessment is going down by \$3,000 for the coming year. But the diocese has informed us that property insurance is going up 40 percent (it's about \$24,000 this year, so that's about \$9,600 a year); medical insurance is going up 20 percent (also \$24,000, so about \$4,800) and retirement expenses are increasing 7 percent (about \$22,000 this year, an increase of about \$1,500.) There was discussion about the future of the day care considering the rising costs of providing health insurance and retirement. There will be government grant money to help with expenses for another fiscal year, but a discussion about the day care will likely be needed in the next year.

Picnic: No report. The raffle tickets have been ordered and the letter is written.

Liturgy: Freda reported that the Holy Day Masses were well attended, but some people wished the Good Friday service could be later than 3 p.m. Father Pat said there is talk of having a Corpus Christi procession at the Parish on June 11.

Stewardship: The committee wrote 136 Thank You cards for the Stewardship Campaign. They will need help with making the phone calls, but no date is set yet. The committee will put the Mass Schedule Survey in the pews sometime in May. The Trivia Night made a profit of about \$3,500. The proceeds will be used to buy albs for the altar servers.

Safety and Building/Grounds: Will said the new security cameras helped the police catch some kids who broke into a grocery. He discussed the materials that will be used for the restroom renovations in the parish hall, with an estimated cost for parts and labor of \$11,000. Father Pat said anything over \$10,000 must go before the diocese. Will said he would try to get the cost under \$10,000. No vote was taken. Will also reported that the disaster preparation training is at 6 p.m. May 17.

Faith Formation/Education: Committee hasn't met. Robin's report said about 40 people attended adoration at Mass on April 29, with good feedback. We had 25 children make their First


Communion on April 30. The Rescue Project began April 27, an 8-week program. There were 28 people at the first one, including facilitators.

Social Concerns: There was no report. Father Pat asked about a book study on Laudato Si. Amy said she would look for resources.

Priest report: Father Pat invited everyone to the ordination of two priests on May 20 in Paducah.

We are taking parish council nominations. People who are interested will attend the June 7 meeting.


Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Pastor

6-7-23

Date



Board Chairperson

6/7/23

Date

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

June 7, 2023

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

Guests: Those nominated for Parish Council – Phil Haire, Mike Flaherty, Karen Aud, Cindy Reisz, Marilyn Pace, Kevin Lasley, Rebecca Grant. Also Robin Murphey.

Opening prayer read by Deacon Mike. May 3 minutes were approved without changes.

Members took part in a PowerPoint on the role of the parish council.

Stewardship book study: Members discussed Chapters 7 and 8 of *Stewardship Success*. The focus was on communications. It was suggested that communications efforts be placed under the purview of the Evangelization committee.

Robin Murphey reported that she hoped to have a report on the survey taken on Ash Wednesday by this fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelization: No report.

Finance and Day Care: Dan reported that the increased pledges from the stewardship campaign amount to an additional \$126,567 for the coming year.

He reported that Helen Bennett told the Finance committee that the per child rate in the day care was raising to \$180 in July, and there are no discounts for additional children. This move had to be made or else the day care would operate at a \$60,000 loss in the coming year, due to nine employees applying for health care. The additional rate still causes an \$8,000 shortfall. There was much discussion about the future of the day care.

Picnic: Lee reported that help will be needed for the drive-through barbecue sales on June 17.

Liturgy: Did not meet.

Stewardship: Did not meet.

Safety and Building/Grounds: Will said the parish hall will be closed June 19-28 to remodel the bathrooms. The cost is \$11,200. All security cameras are operating in the church. More money needs to be raised for the stained glass sacristy window.

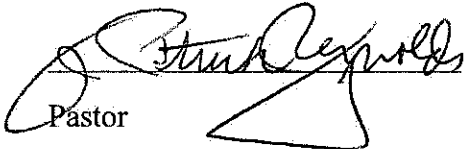
Faith Formation/Education: Clarissa reported that the last meeting of the Rescue Project was that week. Chad Thompson is the liaison for small groups in the Acts 2:42 meetings, which will last from September to May. Vacation Bible School begins the week of July 9, with K-5 and 6th and older.

Social Concerns: Amy reported the committee will be organizing a Laudato Si book study. She hopes to do this via Zoom, as Epiphany Church in Louisville did. The first date is tentatively Sept. 12, 2023. Kim Demarest wants to continue a book club after this one.

Priest report: Father Pat talked about the ordination of two new priests.

Next meeting is in the Church on July 5 to select three new members and an alternate. The Aug. 2 meeting will be a potluck.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

 8-2-2023
Pastor Date

 8/2/23
Board Chairperson Date

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

Aug. 2, 2023

Members present: Amy Fogle-Stiff, Lee Hopewell, Dan Heckel, Father Pat, Father Joe, Freda O'Bryan, Becky Grant, Cindi Reisz, Kevin Lasley and alternate Bob Berry. Members absent: Jennifer Keller, Clarissa Phelps, Deacon Ken.

The evening opened with a potluck at the home of Lee Hopewell. Opening prayer read by Father Joe. The June 7 minutes were approved without changes. There were no minutes for July, the only action was selecting new Parish Council members Becky Grant, Cindi Reisz, Kevin Lasley and alternate Bob Berry.

Stewardship book study: Amy noted that the final chapter of the book said stewardship is a lifelong effort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelization: No report. Jennifer Keller has met with Jeff Andrini with the diocese to get a better understanding of this committee.

Finance and Day Care: Dan reported that the 2023-24 budget was approved. The increased pledges from the stewardship campaign amount to an additional \$147,912 for the coming year. Amy reported that she has been asked to speak to the state legislature about day care issues, specifically increasing childcare assistance parameters and increasing Head Start funding.

Picnic: Lee asked for suggestions on how to get more parishioners to sell their raffle tickets.

Liturgy: No report.

Stewardship: Did not meet. Kevin said the results of the Mass times survey were that about two-thirds of those voting wanted a 10:30 a.m. Mass, but to keep 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday unchanged. Some people wrote in an option for a 10 a.m. Mass. The Stewardship committee has not met to discuss the results.

Safety and Building/Grounds: No report.

Faith Formation/Education: No report

Social Concerns: The online book study of Laudato Si will have access to the information gathered by Father Jim Flynn in the Archdiocese of Louisville. The first gathering will be Sept. 24. The Ursuline Sisters will be involved also.

Priest report: Father Pat is trying to do some middle school and high school ministry. More details to come.

NEW BUSINESS

New Parish Council leaders were selected. Dan Heckel will become the chairman; Jennifer Keller will be the vice chairwoman and Becky Grant will be secretary.

The Committee assignments for the coming year are as follows:

Social Concerns: Amy Fogle-Stiff

Stewardship: Kevin Lasley

Building, Grounds and Safety: Lee Hopewell

Picnic: Cindi Reisz

Liturgy: Freda O'Bryan

Evangelization: Jennifer Keller

Finance and Day Care: Becky Grant

Faith Formation: Clarissa Phelps.

Formation

Dan Heckel said he would bring ideas for board member formation for the coming year.

Next Parish Council meeting is Sept. 6.



Pastor

9-6-23

Date



Board Chairperson

9-6-23

Date

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

September 6, 2023

Members Present: Amy Fogle-Stiff, Lee Hopewell, Dan Heckel, Father Joe, Freda O'Bryan, Becky Grant, Cindi Reisz, Jennifer Keller, Clarissa Phelps. Members Absent: Father Pat, Kevin Lasley, Deacon Ken

The evening opened with a short passage read by Dan Heckel. The August 2, 2023, minutes were approved without changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelization: Jennifer Keller met with Jeff Andrini, Diocese of Owensboro, to get a better understanding of what the Evangelization committee should be focusing on. Questions presented to the Parish Council were: What goals do we have? How do we bring more people in for RCIA? Mass counts are lower. Where are people going? Discussion around using You Tube & Facebook to distribute consistent information. Parish Council Takeaway: A mission statement around what do we want to be known for?

Finance and Day Care: Becky Grant reviewed minutes from August meeting. Finance: Logan Haire hired for new position as Youth Minister. Daycare: Daycare is now taking ACH only payments to begin in the beginning of October. Discussion around whether or not Daycare has a checklist for when people come in to tour facility-Answer TBD.

Picnic: No report.

Liturgy: Freda covered summary handout from meeting held on 08/23/2022 regarding September and October key dates. Some of the key information is as follows: RCIA began 08/31/23, 2 candidates present. Religious Ed started up 09/10/2023 between the 2 Sunday masses. Mass time changed from 11:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. CST on 10/01/2023. Due to uptick in Covid, Bill will fog the church on Friday afternoons and Monday mornings.

Stewardship: No report.

Safety and Building/Grounds: No report.

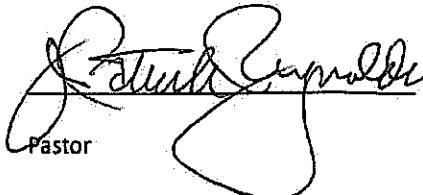
Faith Formation/Education: Clarissa reported no negative feedback regarding Vacation Bible School. Acts 2:42-Small groups starting up, can go through the link to see who signed up. Religious Ed: census is down.

Social Concerns: Book club starting on Sunday nights via Microsoft Teams, 1 Sunday per month. Block party is TBD.

Priest Report: Father Joe reported we're excited to have Logan join our team!

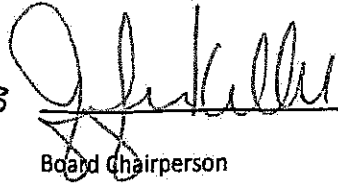
Additional Items: Lee mentioned the idea of looking into Venmo codes to be placed at the pews. More to come.

Next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday, October 4, 2023.



Pastor

10/4/23
Date



Board Chairperson

10/4/23
Date

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

October 4, 2023

Members Present: Kevin Lasley, Father Joe, Lee Hopewell, Amy Fogle-Stiff, Becky Grant, Freda O'Bryan, Cindi Reisz, Father Pat, Jennifer Keller
Absent: Clarissa Phelps, Deacon Ken, Dan Heckel

Guest: Logan Haire

Opening Prayer. September 6, 2023 minutes approved without changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Evangelization: Jennifer Keller provided Parish Council/Leadership Reflection. Did Faith Formation Committee provide a mission statement already? Reviewed Social Media Updates, more posts being made on Facebook and people are commenting, liking, & sharing.

Finance and Day Care: Becky Grant was asked as to if daycare census numbers were being inflated? There's been no Day Care Committee Meeting thus far since to discuss what is happening and what needs to occur to regain 5 Star Status.

Buildings, Grounds, & Safety: Nothing to report.

Liturgy: Freda O'Bryan did provide hand out for upcoming events.

Social Concerns: Amy Fogle-Stiff advised that book club has started with 6 members participating

Stewardship: Kevin Lasley stated nothing to report.

Faith Formation: Clarissa Phelps did provide info in her absence to Jennifer Keller: All Saints Mass with Children dressing as their favorite saint to take place on 11/01/23 @ 5:30 p.m. mass. Chili supper, provided by Knights of Columbus, to follow after mass. Confirmation class is meeting along with RCIA. Acts 2:42 is meeting as well with 62 people included in our parish groups.

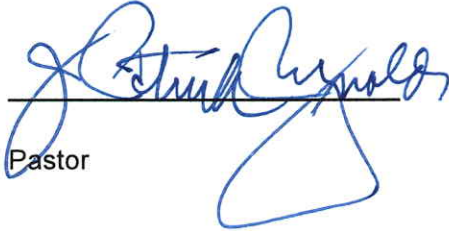

Picnic-Cindi Reisz stated nothing to report. Kevin did request if the saw horses could disappear that were previously being used for the church picnic. Council agreed they could be removed to make room for future building expansion.

Priest report: Father Pat reviewed that the 4 OCS schools have new principals and are working on a united front. Priests were able to have holy hour and dinner at the Carmel Home for the first time in a while. Priests have been assisting with different penance services. Bishop Medley

and Fr. Jerry Riney leaving to visit Nigeria. They have been traveling to the countries where our diocesan priests are from.

Other Topics and Discussions: Lee Hopewell did provide a packet for Venmo donations to be discussed with the Finance Committee. Block Party will not be occurring this year. Discussion regarding each committee taking on a role in 2024.

Next meeting will occur on Wednesday November 1, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.

	<u>11/12/23</u>		<u>11/12/23</u>
Pastor	Date	Board Chairperson	Date

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

November 1, 2023

Members Present: Dan Heckel, Kevin Lasley, Father Joe, Lee Hopewell, Amy Fogle-Stiff, Becky Grant, Freda O'Bryan, Cindi Reisz, Father Pat, Jennifer Keller

Absent: Clarissa Phelps, Deacon Ken

Guest: Rosemary O'Brien. Rosemary, in partnership with Lourdes Ladies of Service & other committees, to present a Nativity Display December 15-17 in the parish hall. Intention is to invite parishioners to bring their nativity scenes to display along with some of Fr. Pat's displays. If successful, this may become an annual event. Hours to be determined. Homemade cookies and drinks will be provided during viewing hours. Volunteers will be needed to assist. Also, Rosemary spoke on how it would be a great idea to have people from other committees attend Parish Council meetings so that everyone is on the same page.

Opening Prayer, Prayer of New Beginnings.
October 4, 2023, minutes approved without changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Evangelization: Jennifer Keller meeting with Robin in hopes of bridging some gaps using social media along with creating a vision statement. We need to create a new mission statement (the why behind it) with intentions of the shorter, the better.

Finance and Day Care: Becky Grant

Finance Committee: Working towards gaining an approval on use of One Call as a means of communication within the church. Received advisement from Rachel Hall, Diocese of Owensboro Communication Director, and fellow parishioner, as to what services parishes are using for one-time payments, One Call and website (which was down as of this meeting) Information to be reviewed with Finance Committee in November

Daycare: No news. Still pending response from Christ the King's Day Care Director. No day care committee meeting set as of date of November meeting.

Buildings, Grounds & Safety: Lee Hopewell stated nothing to report.

Liturgy: Freda O'Bryan provided a handout

Social Concerns: Amy Fogle-Stiff reviewed information regarding Kynect site and book club.

Stewardship: Kevin Lasley stated nothing to report

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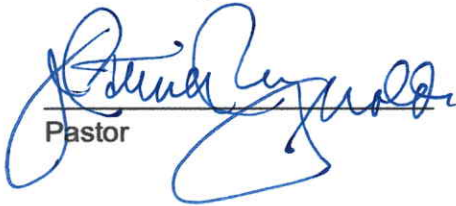
Faith Formation: Clarissa Phelps forwarded Robin's email to Dan and Becky. St. Nicholas Day will be celebrated with the youth on 12/05. Working with youth to obtain their ideas on organizing, facilitating nights in conjunction with our faith formation community. New books being handed out the first weekend of the new liturgical year with information regarding a discussion around the chapters. Also, the children and youth sacramental formation have an enrollment mass the first weekend in December.

Picnic: Cindi Reisz stated nothing to report

Priest Report: Fr. Pat is hosting a party for various committee participants, and their spouses, at the rectory on 12/10/23 @ 4pm. Everyone is to bring an appetizer.

Other: Clarissa Phelps has decided to step down from Parish Council. Alternate, Bob Berry, to be contacted.

Next meeting will occur on Wednesday December 6, 2023 @ 6:00 PM CST.



Pastor

12/6/23

Date



Board Chairperson

12/6/23

Date

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

Dec. 6, 2023

Members present: Lee Hopewell, Jennifer Keller, Kevin Lasley, Cindi Reisz, Bob Berry, Amy Fogle-Stiff, Freda O'Bryan, Dan Heckel, Deacon Ken Bennett, Father Pat Reynolds, Father Joe Schoettle.

Members absent: Becky Grant

All members read the opening prayer.

The Council welcomed new member Bob Berry. He is serving the remaining term of Clarissa Phelps.

Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

Council formation focused on being thankful.

A sign-up sheet was passed around to help with the Nativity scene event Dec. 15-17.

Details were shared for the Christmas party at Father Pat's home on Dec. 10.

Committee involvement: Dan Heckel raised a concern about the number of council members saying they were the only person on their committee. A discussion ensued about how to increase membership. Father Joe said people have told him that they have signed up for a committee but never been called. Kevin Lasley said the Stewardship Committee is considering purging the old data and starting over in the new year. He will report after the next Stewardship Committee meeting.

Committee Reports

Evangelization: With the departure of Clarissa, it was decided to combine the Faith Formation committee with Evangelization, at least for the rest of the term. Jennifer Keller updated the Council on sacramental formation, and faith and youth formation, including the beginning of the weekly discussion of the book *Jesus & the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*. She asked for there to be more of a Parish Council presence at all parish events. She believes we need a separate Communications Committee. She and Dan will discuss that prior to the Jan. 3 meeting.

Finance and Day Care: Dan made the report because Becky was out of town. Discussion of Becky's work researching the One Call system resulted in full support of the Council and Father Pat. The next step is for Becky to contact the company Onsolve, which St. Stephen and St. William use, and see what the next steps are to get started as soon as possible. There was also a discussion about the day care wanting more space to meet the fire marshal standards. There were also questions about whether any prayers were being said before meals. It was decided to ask the day care director to come to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss what she is suggesting about her space needs.

Buildings and Grounds: Lee Hopewell reported that Aaron is stripping and waxing all the church floors before Christmas.

Liturgy: Freda O'Bryan reported on the Giving Tree, recent sacramental events, and the Mass schedules through New Year's Day.

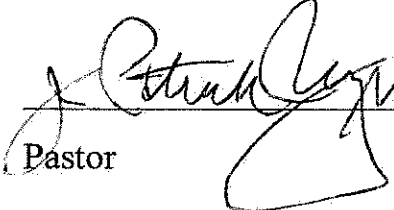

Social Concerns: No report.

Stewardship: Kevin reported that the committee handed out prayer cards before Mass. And the next meeting will be discussing changes to the stewardship form.

Picnic: No report.

Priests report: Father Pat said we have not had a new priest from Daviess County in 13 years. He did not know why.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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