

## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

Dec. 7, 2022

Members present: Amy Fogle-Stiff, Lee Hopewell, Freda O'Bryan, Rosalyn Carter, James Craig, Dan Heckel, Father Pat.

Members absent: Will Jerome, Geri Jones, Deacon Mike, Clarissa Phelps, Father Joe.

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

Opening prayer read by Phil Haire.

Minutes of the Nov. 2, 2022, meeting were approved without change.

Amy announced that Geri Jones has submitted her resignation from the Council for health reasons. Jennifer Keller, who was selected as an alternate in July, agreed to complete the term. A replacement for assistant chairperson will be discussed at the January meeting.

Phil Haire updated the parish on the Stewardship committee's efforts to increase giving. He was looking for support for the diocesan "Increased Offertory Program" that has been used by another parish, which increased giving by \$200,000. The normal stewardship program will begin in January with a focus just on time and talent. On the first of February, the nine-week financial stewardship portion will begin from the pulpit.

### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Vision for the Parish Council: The Council agreed to read "Stewardship Success" together to discuss at each meeting. The Stewardship Committee is also reading this book. There was a discussion of a "Brunch and Faith" gathering in mid-January.

National Eucharistic Revival: Amy asked whether there would be listening sessions at Lourdes as part of the yearlong effort. Father Pat expected there would be.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Evangelization: No report

Finance: Collections were slightly ahead of the budget for October, but we are still about \$64,000 below budget for the fiscal year. After December, we will have a better idea where we are concerning collections.

Rosalyn Carter discussed a trivia night fund raiser either Feb. 17 or 18. A spaghetti dinner and maybe an auction would be involved, as well as a half-pot. Considering \$20 of \$25 to enter.

Picnic: No report

Liturgy: The stewardship committee wants to poll parishioners on whether they would prefer different Mass times, especially the 8 and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses.

Stewardship: No report

Safety: Discussed developing a plan to properly handle interruptions of Mass or after Mass by homeless people.

Daycare: No report

Building/Grounds: No report

Faith Formation/Education: No report

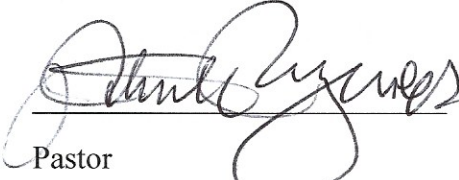
Social Concerns: No report

Priest report: The priests are hearing a lot of confessions.


The next meeting is Jan. 4, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Submitted by Dan Heckel, secretary

  
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Board chairperson

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