

Parish Council Meeting Minutes
03/06/24

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

Members Not Present: Bob Berry

- Opening Prayer: Passage written by Henjri Nouwen read aloud together
- Acceptance of Minutes from February 7, 2024
- Board Member Formation: What gives you hope?

Committee Reports

Communication: Dan Heckel advised that the Communication Committee met on February 12, 2024 and March 4. Their next meeting is at 12:15 p.m. March 18, via Webex.

- **One Call:** We should be receiving our first calls for the One Call system this week. It was tested with the full committee and seemed to work fine. For now, we will have only phone calls, we can consider opting for texts later, but people have to give us written notification to allow them, since some people still pay for receiving texts. We're considering putting forms in the pews about texting to turn in. There will be an announcement at Mass this week that the program has begun. One Call will come from phone number 1-877-698-3261

- The process on the electronic sign continues. Phil Haire believes the total cost will be about \$45,000. Aaron Wheatley has been helping with the bid process. We are pursuing a \$5,000 Disciples Response Fund grant from the diocese, and some other grant opportunities. Father Pat may also reach out to a small number of parishioners for assistance in paying for the sign. Amy Fogle-Stiff may have more information.

- We continue to try to untangle the knots involving the website. As we await a final solution Charlotte has done a wonderful job with the site. We urge you to visit www.lourdescatholicchurch.org to see how good it looks.

- We are working on developing some policies and protocols for submitting information for the website and social media, to ensure that we have consistent messaging and to give the people maintaining those platforms ample time to keep them updated.

Evangelization and Faith Formation: Jennifer Keller advised of the following information:

- February 11, 2024 potluck was a success.
- Youtube Ministry Service Leader Award Recipient: Wesley Stelmach, son of Kevin and Kassie Stelmach
- In May there will be a book discussion exploring Mary and her Jewish Roots
- First Communion is scheduled for 04/28/2024 at 10:30 AM Mass

Finance and Daycare: Becky Grant advised of the following information:

- Finance Committee: Still receiving bids for sign, Money Market account (with 6 allowable withdrawals a month) has been opened
- Day Care: Still receiving bids for building addition or new building. Per Lee Hopewell, Aaron is awaiting a bid from Martin for a 1,000 sq. ft. addition. Discussion around how many additional employees will be needed. Depends on the class size and age.

Buildings, Grounds and Safety: Lee Hopewell provided the following information:

- Daycare receiving bids (Information provided above.)
- In February Lee provided a copy of the Emergency Action Plan(EAP) and asked that we all review it. Parish Council reviewed and provided blessing for a new Adhoc Committee to be formed around the EAP. Lee and Deacon Ken will be members along with anyone else that they choose to ask. More to come.

Stewardship: Kevin Lasley reported the following information:

- 216 out of 704 Stewardship forms have been received
- Idea was received to create a Google Form to be added to our website for people to complete a virtual Stewardship form
- April 27, 2024-Trivia Night- Chicken, Pork and Burgoo will be provided

Picnic: Cindi Riesz advised no news to report

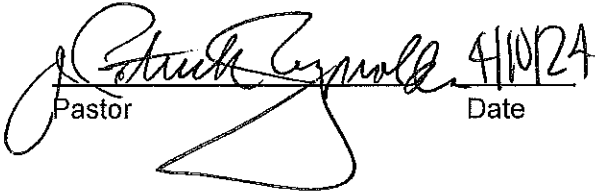
Liturgy: Freda O'Bryan reported the following information:

- Lenten Soup and Salad Sermon was a nice time. Two additional dates left of the Lenten Season: 03/07 & 03/14/24
- 30 parishoners showed up for Deacon Ken's Eucharistic Retreat
- The first of 3 scrutinies began on 03/02/24 at 4:30 PM mass. Second will be on 03/10 at 8:00 am, third on 03/17 at 10:30 am Mass
- Anointing of the sick took place 03/01/24
- Lourdes penance service will take place on 03/17/24 at 2:00 pm
- The Tichenor/Thompson/Neal families will have adoration on March 17 at 8:00 pm. Facebook invite being sent out
- Palm Sunday there will be a procession at 10:30 am from the Parish Hall
- Chrism Mass is scheduled for 03/26/24 at the Sportscenter. Our RCIA candidates will receive the oil from the Bishop.
- Holy Thursday Service is at 6:00 pm with Adoration until 10:00 pm concluding with night prayer. Some parishioners will have their feet washed.
- Good Friday Service is at 7:00 am, Stations at Noon, and Veneration services at 5:00 pm .Tenebrae Service is at 7:30pm
- Holy Saturday-The Easter Vigil is at 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday masses are at 6:00 am, 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Social Concerns: Amy was thinking the Social Concerns Committee will be revitalized after Stewardship forms were received but no one signed up to be on the committee. Becky knows someone who was on the Social Concerns committee at Blessed Mother. She will check and see what all they did for the community and provide the information at the next meeting.

Priest Report: Fr. Pat reported it's Penance Service Season

- **Closing Prayer:** Passage from Rumi read aloud by all. I
- Next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM CST.


Pastor 4/10/24
Date


Board Chairperson 4/10/24
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