

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Minutes

January 3, 2024

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

Members Absent: Bob Berry

All members read the Opening Prayer: The New Year of 2024

Minutes from December 6, 2023, approved unanimously without changes.

Board member formation discussion centered around Notre Dame book that gifted to us in December.

Committee Reports:

Communication Committee: Thank you, Dan and Jennifer, for starting this up! First meeting to occur soon.

Evangelization and Faith Formation: Jennifer Keller provided handout regarding various planned activities: Book Club, Reconciliation, Confirmation, and various celebrations. Discussed deacons sending out a message to get people excited about the upcoming weekly mass.

Daycare: Becky Grant reviewed intentions for daycare as a recap of November daycare committee meeting. Questions concerning intentions and use of room connected to kitchen in parish hall. Daycare director has been asked to be present for February meeting to discuss concerns brought up in December and January Parish Council meetings.

Finance Committee: Becky Grant reviewed that Phil Haire was a guest speaker at the December meeting. Phil spoke to the group concerning stewardship. He was also concerned that parishioners who pledge additional funds may not be giving as pledged. Increased contribution has been a success, but the numbers do not reflect in the bulletin. Wade Kanipe and Lois Decker are working on better way to convey this positive news in the bulletin to our parishioners.

Buildings, Grounds and Safety: Lee Hopewell had nothing to report. Conversation arose regarding Safety Committee

Liturgy: Freda O'Bryan had nothing to report.

Social Concerns: Amy Fogle-Stiff had nothing to report.

Stewardship: Kevin Lasley had nothing to report.

Picnic: Cindi Reisz had nothing to report.

Priest Report: Father Pat and Father Joe: Fr. Pat advised they receipt positive feedback for early and late Christmas Masses. Discussed that Diocesan website may show incorrect mass schedule times.

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February 7, 2024

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

Members Absent: Bob Berry, Jennifer Keller, Deacon Ken

Opening Prayer

Acceptance of January meeting minutes

Special Guest: Mackenzie Dallas, Day Care Director

Mackenzie discussed current enrollment numbers along with ideas to achieve growth stating there's a need to add on to the building or build an additional building. Mackenzie presented a few bids for what it would cost to knock down walls or have a separate building built. She also took the Parish Council on a field trip through the daycare so that we could get an idea of what's needed. To date Aaron Wheatley is working with Mackenzie to obtain additional bids. The hope is to grow the daycare so that it may stay open for years to come.

Committee Reports:

Communication: Dan Heckel advised the OneCall contract has been signed. Dan stated that there's a great mix of people within this newly formed committee. Their next meeting was scheduled for 02/12/24.

Evangelization/Faith Formation: Update provided- Confirmation occurred on 02/11/24, French Brunch 02/12/24, along with Senior Sunday planned.

Finance: Becky Grant had no new information to report. No meeting occurred in January due to the priest being on convocation.

Daycare: Mackenzie provided update noted above. Becky reported committee did take a vote to decide that should there be inclement weather resulting in the need to close daycare a day that no discount would be provided. If a longer closure is needed, committee would decide on how to handle later should the occasion arise.

Stewardship: Kevin Lasley advised that Stewardship forms were to be requested to be tentatively turned in by 02/12/24. Discussion ensued regarding some of the envelopes were missing stewardship forms. Extras would be available at the church doors.

Buildings, Grounds, and Safety: Lee Hopewell provided handout for safety committee and requested we read it.

Liturgy: Freda provided handout discussing various upcoming activities: Souper Bowl Sunday slated for the weekend of 02/12/24, Fish Fry Fridays, Soup and Salad Thursdays, Chrism Mass has been scheduled for 03/24/24 at 6:30 PM CST at the Sportscenter

Social Concerns: Amy Fogle-Stiff advised that the group will be revamping once stewardship forms have been returned to the office.

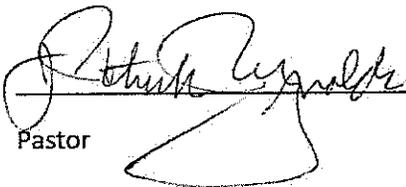
Priest Report: Fr. Pat advised all is a okay.

New Business:

- Amy provided copies of the bids received for a new electric sign to be positioned out front above our current sign. Bids are still being received.

Closing Prayer

Next Parish Council Meeting is March 6, 2024

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