

Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish Center

Members Present: Mary DeFoe (SN), Mary Freitag (SN), Greg Montgomery (SN), Bill Madison (SA), Andrea Olson (SH), and Anita Tomczik (SH).

Members Absent: Craig Hohlfeld (SA), Carol Wozniak (SA).

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mary DeFoe.
- II. Opening Prayer: Deacon Steve led the council in prayer.
- III. The council reviewed the minutes from the previous Joint Pastoral Council meeting of November 4, 2021. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Greg Montgomery, second by Andrea Olson. Motion was called and approved unanimously.
- IV. Members of the St. Anthony Pastoral Council reviewed the minutes of the Joint St. Anthony Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Building Committee meeting that was held on November 16, 2021. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Greg Montgomery and seconded by Mary DeFoe. Motion was called and approved unanimously.
- V. St. Anthony Finance Committee Report:

Deacon Steve reported that as of January 6, 2022, the St. Anthony balance sheet shows a balance of \$3,370.31 in the general checking account and \$18,372.67 in general savings. The new church building fund has a balance of \$326,796.45. Currently there is \$963,897.88 in investments. The perpetual care account has \$216,048.20 in principal and interest. The total of all assets to date is \$1,567,632.15.

Deacon Steve advised the committee approved the replacement of the furnace for the current worship space by Paul's Sheet Metal at a cost of \$5,649.00. The existing furnace has been in the building since it was built. It will be replaced with another Lennox furnace. Deacon Steve asked for a motion of support from the Pastoral Council.

Motion by Mary DeFoe, second by Greg Montgomery to approve the Finance Committee's decision to replace the furnace for the worship space as quoted by Paul's Sheet Metal in the amount of \$5,649.00. Motion called and approved unanimously.

- VI. Old Business:

1.) St. Anthony church building update:

- a) The contract with Lien & Peterson for final design, bid preparation and construction oversight has been approved and signed. The current expectation is that the project will be ready for bid in late April 2022.
- b) The capital campaign for the building project is set to officially begin with the campaign commitment weekend scheduled for January 15 & 16, 2022. At this time, the parish has already received over \$170,000.00 in gifts and pledges. We are looking forward to a successful campaign.
- c) The chairs with kneelers for the worship space have been ordered. We were able to send a piece of a kneeler from the existing pews for the company to do a color stain match. The new chairs should match the pew color when they arrive. It is our hope they will arrive before Easter.

2.) Sacred Heart-

- a.) With winter here, we will have to wait until spring to try and find someone to do the steeple work. This is a project that really needs to be done this coming spring or summer. Deacon Steve will continue to try and identify a company that can do this type of work.
- b.) The council discussed the building sign. Andrea and Anita advised they will talk with someone about getting some designs for a new sign.

VII. New Business:

- 1.) 2022 Lenten Calendar: Deacon Steve provided a draft of the 2022 Lenten Calendar for review. This year we are adding Stations of the Cross on Thursday nights during Lent followed by Adoration. Fr. Tom will be available to hear confessions during the period of Adoration. We will rotate these evenings between each of the churches. This will increase the opportunity for people to have access to reconciliation during Lent. We will continue to have Stations of the Cross at noon on Fridays at St. Anthony's.

Chris Hurtubise will be our featured speaker for our annual parish mission during Lent. Our parish mission will be on Sunday March 6th and Monday March 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's.

- 2.) Synod on Synodality: Deacon Steve advised that every parish in the diocese has been requested to participate in the Synod on Synodality. We received information from the diocese requesting we host one or more parish gatherings.

Given continued concerns about Covid and its rise with the latest variant in our area, we have elected to put as much information as possible on the website for people to experience at home before reflecting on the questions presented for discussion. Deacon Steve is going to send out a mailing with a letter introducing the Synod and a flyer outlining how parishioners can utilize the website to participate at home. Responses to the questions will be sent to the parish office where a report will be compiled and submitted to the diocese. Given the timeline provided, we feel this is our best opportunity to seek input for the Synod.

3.) New business: None

VIII. Committee Reports

- 1.) Health Ministry - Mary Freitag reported the health ministry is planning to provide CPR training again for all parishes sometime in March and/or April. In February the health ministry is planning to provide QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) suicide awareness training to confirmation students and will also be offering the training for others in Cumberland and Turtle Lake. Tentative dates are February 6th and February 17th.

The health ministry team is continuing its work to arrange an end-of-life presentation with Catholic Extension sometime in the fall.

Health surveys have been distributed to all parishes.

Brochure holders have been purchased and will be going up at all parishes.

- 2.) St. Anthony CCW – Mary DeFoe reported that the CCW has scheduled its variety show for April 29th, 2022, to be held at the Cumberland American Legion Hall. The event is called “Raise the Roof”, and proceeds will go toward the new church building. 200 tickets will be sold. Ticket price has not yet been determined.

The Italian take out dinner will be this coming Sunday, January 16th. The dinners have been sold out. There was a maximum amount of 100 orders to be sold. Proceeds from the dinner will go toward the new church building.

- IX. Motion to adjourn made by Greg Montgomery, seconded by Bill Madison. Motion was called and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday – February 3, 2021.

Location: St. Anthony Parish Center

Dcn. Steve Linton

Parish Life Coordinator