

Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, May 5, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Parish Center

Members Present: Mary Freitag (SN), Greg Montgomery (SN), Craig Hohlfeld (SA), Carol Wozniak (SA), Andrea Olson (SH), and Anita Tomczik (SH).

Members Absent: Mary DeFoe (SN), Bill Madison (SA).

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Carol Wozniak.
- II. Opening Prayer: Deacon Steve led the council in prayer.
- III. The council reviewed the minutes from the previous Joint Pastoral Council meeting of April 7, 2022. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Andrea Olson, second by Anita Tomczik. Motion was called and approved unanimously.

IV. St. Ann Finance Committee Report:

The balance sheet, as of May 5, 2022, reflects a balance of \$5,511.21 in general checking, \$23,924.59 in general savings, \$30,028.69 in Perpetual Care, and \$30,000.00 invested in the Mission Diocese Fund. Total current assets equal \$93,087.83.

Deacon Steve advised the St. Ann Finance Committee is considering several repairs to the church building to include repairing of water damaged areas and replacement of some lighting fixtures with LED fixtures.

V. Old Business:

1.) St. Anthony-

Capital Campaign Update – Deacon Steve reported current pledges for the new church building total \$765,103.00 with \$321,626.00 (42%) received. The total of all current monies allocated to the project, along with funds pledged, equals \$1,402,043.00. A campaign celebration was held at St. Anthony's on Sunday March 20th following the 10:30 Mass.

New Church Building Update - The final design phase of the building project is nearing completion and is expected to be presented to Bishop for approval within the next week. We are now hoping to get the project out for bid in early June.

2.) Sacred Heart-

Building Sign - Anita Tomczik presented three different sign designs created by Ryan Standard of MOB Graphix for the church building in Almena. One design stood out among the rest and was selected. The sign will be a 4'x8' Aluminum Sign Board, ¼"

inch thick. Cost of the sign is estimated at \$250.00. Deacon Steve advised he would contact Ryan about installation cost.

Highway sign(s) – Deacon Steve advised there is a directional sign for the church that is down somewhere on Hwy 8 and questioned the need to locate and repair or replace it. It seemed the consensus was that most people use their phones to find churches now. No action was decided upon.

VI. New Business:

- 1.) Deacon Steve advised Confirmation will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Sacred Heart in Almena. Bishop Powers will be the presider. There are 11 young people being Confirmed.
- 2.) Cemetery Association – Deacon Steve reported that in a recent meeting with the chancery finance department it was reported that each parish should have a Cemetery Association that is to be a subset of the Corporate Board. Deacon Steve advised he believes this can be accomplished by designating the two trustees and the cemetery sexton as the Cemetery Association board, but he wants to confirm that with the chancery before moving forward. Once the Cemetery Association is established there are several issues that need to be discussed including reviewing cemetery rules and increasing the sale price of cemetery plots.

VII. Committee Reports

- 1.) Health Ministry – Friends & Family CPR training will be held May 15th at St. Anthony and again on May 22nd at Sacred Heart. The training is to be held following Mass at each location. Ushers are especially encouraged to attend.

Centering Prayer is being offered by Jane Dietzman as an avenue to support spiritual comfort and healing through prayer and meditation. Details will be in the bulletin regarding times and locations.

The committee will also be looking into the possibility of upgrading A.E.D.'s at all locations.

Mary Freitag and Roberta Braml are looking to attend Fall Prevention training through ADRC in the fall of 2023.

- 2.) St. Anthony CCW –

The “Raise the Roof” variety show was a great success and earned approximately \$7,000.00 for the building campaign. Louie’s Finer Meats donated the sausage for the dinner.

A plant sale will be held May 19-21, 2022, in the old Feed Mill parking lot on 1st Avenue as another fund raiser for the building project. There will be many beautiful flowers and plants to purchase.

- VIII. Motion to adjourn made by Greg Montgomery, second by Andrea Olson. Motion was called and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday – June 2, 2022.

Location: St. Anthony Parish Center

Dcn. Steve Linton/Parish Life Coordinator