

Minutes for the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

October 27, 2022

Zoom

Council members in attendance: Fr. John Dillon, Marianne DeAusen, Ron Hays, Ann Pierre, and Vince Price.

Others in attendance: Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan

- Fr. John Dillon called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm on the Zoom platform.
- Vince Price moved that the minutes from the meeting on September 15, 2022, be approved. Marianne DeAusen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The parish has completed its financial obligation for construction of the new Bon Pasteur School in our sister parish in Léon, Haiti, as of June 2022, reported Fr. John Dillon to the Parish Pastoral Council at its meeting on October 27, 2022.

With its final payment of \$12,500 toward the new school construction, the parish's Haiti Committee has made good on its \$45,000 pledge to help build new school structures following an earthquake in August 2022. Fr. John also reported that the Haiti Committee paid the final installment of a teacher supplement for the 2021-22 school year.

In his report of the parish's finances, Fr. John reported the following figures:

September 2022:

- Parish Income: \$102,837.64
- Parish Expenses: \$122,220.65
- Income-Expenses: \$(19,383.01)

Fiscal year to date:

- Parish Income: \$316,179.44
- Parish Expenses: \$331,087.20
- Income-Expenses: \$(14,907.76)

Offertory Report:

FY 2023 (as of September 30, 2022)

- Offertory: \$97,592 (42 percent of offertory)
- Online: \$134,017 (58 percent of offertory))
- Total: \$231,619 (100 percent)

"The good news is that expenses are under what we budgeted for, but the income is not there," Fr. Dillon said. He also reported that, in regard to the Annual Appeal, we are at 97 percent of our parish goal.

Under other ministry reports:

- **Religious Education Ministry:** Through a report, Director of Religious Education Susan Anderson reported that the parish currently has:
 - 106 students registered for Sunday Elementary classes.
 - 32 students registered for Monday Elementary classes.
 - 41 students registered for Monday Middle School in-person classes.
 - 28 students registered for Tuesday Middle School in-person classes.
 - Seven students registered for Special Needs catechesis.
 - 28 students registered for the K-8 homeschool option.

In sacrament preparation, 47 students are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, while 38 young people will prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The RE Team has also engaged families attending the Mass in Spanish to invite the to take part in the RE Program.

- **Communications Ministry:** Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan reported the following:
 - Helped promote the Mass in Spanish with a new website section in Spanish and ensuring some parts of Flocknotes are translated into Spanish.
 - Published and distributed the 50th anniversary commemorative newsletter.
 - Published a “State of the Parish” letter to explain our financial position for the year that ended June 30, 2022.
- **Youth Ministry:**
 - Parishioners David and Jessica Heller, Mike and Margaret Ruddman, and Andrew Einsmann are involved, as is Youth Minister Travis Tomon and Fr. G.
 - The majority of the participants are middle school-aged and two are high schoolers.
 - Fr. John also reported he is teaching Confirmation prep classes to four high school students on the alternating Sundays the Youth Ministry doesn’t meet.

Under other business, Fr. John reported:

- The archdiocese is hosting a Day of Reflection to mark Black Catholic History Month in November 2022.
- The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will take place November 20 at St. Francis for first time in three years.
- The Mass in Spanish is drawing an average of 100 people to liturgy, which is on par with the 5 pm Masses on Saturday and Sunday.
- Parishioner Ray Meixner died and his service will be next week. Fr. John asked for the council members’ prayers for him.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.