

## **St. John's Parish Council**

### **Minutes from Monday, October 27, 2025**

**Attendance:** Father Sadhanala, Jean DeRuyter, Nancy Laistner, Marie Vitale, Deacon Alex DeLucenay, Steve Kastner, Carrie McDowell, Sarah Nieves, Grace Bailey, Dave DeBellis

**Pictures:** Pictures of all council members (but Anne) and a group picture were taken. Council member pictures and the group picture will be posted in the bulletin and on the website as well as in the church entry. Thank you, Job, for a great job as photographer. **Action Item:** Steve to coordinate with Father and Job to post pictures to website and bulletin and update the member pictures in the church entry.

**Meeting Start:** The meeting began at 6:30PM with an opening prayer by Father Sadhanala.

**Approval/Revision of September Minutes:** A motion was made to approve with modifications the September meeting minutes by Nancy Laistner and seconded by Marie Vitale. Modifications: correct the spelling of Nancy's last name, add Sarah Nieves as attendee. **Action Item:** Steve to modify and provide approved minutes to Kathy for posting to website.

#### **Pastor's Report**

- **CMA** – So far we have 122 donors for a total of \$44,459, which is 47% of our goal. We are hoping to meet our full goal by Christmas. This year's '25-'26 CMA campaign goal is \$95K for St. John's (less than LY). Diocesan kickoff began the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>. Father kicked off St. John's campaign the weekend of October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. December 25<sup>th</sup> is our closing date. This year's diocesan goal is \$7.125M (an increase of 3% from LY).
- **Council Members** – Parish Council welcomes Grace Bailey as a youth representative. **Action Item:** Father will look for one additional new member. It was suggested someone from the Faith Formation group, potentially a parent.
- **Bankruptcy** – Bankruptcy is over. The reorganization of the diocese was completed October 3. \$55M was transferred to a trust for any payouts to survivors.

#### **Projects**

- **Security** – There is a greeter's meeting November 5.
- **Floor Tiles** – The tiles in the church are coming loose and need to be replaced. The desire is to replace these ASAP, hopefully January, so that the subfloor is not

damaged from wet shoes/boots. Two quotes have been received for ~\$20K. Father Sadhanala would like one more quote. The tiles will be replaced over a two-week period with one side of the church being replaced Monday – Saturday and the other side replaced the following Monday – Saturday. Daily Masses will be canceled. Carrie mentioned the school also has loose tiles. Father will have the building and grounds committee evaluate.

- **CCTV** – The equipment has been purchased. Waiting for diocese to install.

## Upcoming Events

- **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** – An appreciation dinner will be held November 22. It will be catered by Kara & Paco Reyes at a cost of \$13/plate. **Action Item:** Jean will look into getting a sheet cake from BJ's for dessert and disposable tablecloths.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner** – Irma will be hosting this year's Thanksgiving dinner at Martha House. The time has been moved to 2:00-4:00. Attendance is typically ~40 people, but may change due to the time change.
- **Trunk or Treat** – November 1 from 1:00-3:00. As of now there are at least 12-14 cars participating.
- **Christmas** – December 14 is the Christmas Festival to include breakfast with Santa and a youth group fund raiser. Other activities will be planned by the planning committee. Bishop Matano will preside at the mid-night Mass. An article will be posted in the Westside News, St John's website and bulletin. There will be five Masses for Christmas.

## Old Business

- **Bereavement Group** – Steve shared an example bulletin article to announce the formation of the group and soliciting a group leader. Suggestions were provided for modification. **Action Items:** Steve modify the article. Father, Deacon, and Carrie to review.
- **4 Year Planning** – Brad Fiege is interested in facilitating planning sessions. **Action Item:** Jean to have Brad contact Father to coordinate planning.
- **Coffee Hour** – No interest in moving forward.
- **Cookbook** – The parish cookbook was announced in the October 26 bulletin in conjunction with the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St John's parish next year and the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church building this year. In addition a "gala celebration" was discussed along with potentially a year long celebration with various activities. A celebration committee will be formed.

## New Business

- **Pauly Box** – The Pauly box was started by the youth ministry. Overtime, proceeds from the donations have gone to other ministries. Moving forward, all proceeds will again be directed to the youth group. Funds are especially needed for the Steubenville trip. **Action Item:** Father Sadhanala will contact the KofC & the Men's club to ask them to cover the summer months.
- **By-Laws** – Parish Council By-Laws were distributed to the group with a brief discussion on the topics. **Action Item:** All to review By-Laws and be prepared next meeting to bring up/discuss any potential changes.
- **Conflict of Interest** – The Conflict of Interest policy was distributed and signed declarations collected. **Action Items:** Steve to give signed declaration to Kathy. Anne to complete declaration.

### **Meeting dates**

- o November – Thursday, 11/20
- o December – Tuesday, 12/16
- o January – Tuesday, 1/20
- o February – Tuesday, 2/24
- o March – Tuesday, 3/24
- o April – Tuesday, 4/28
- o May – Monday, 5/18
- o June – retreat

### **Open Forum**

- Dave brought up giving blessing at communion for those in the communion line for the lay minister, but not receiving the Eucharist. **Action Item:** Father to make an announcement that those wishing to receive a blessing should approach the alter in Father's line.
- Music – Chris is a great addition to our staff.

The meeting concluded at 8:00PM and Father closed the meeting with a prayer.