

Lumen Christi Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes—January 21, 2025

Present: Fr. Michael Courchaine, James DeGuire, Jim Ott, Bob Meyers Jon VanDrisse, Dan Van Housen, Greg Von Roenn, Pat Sheehey, Doug Patch, Manny Martinez, Lisa Wright

Meeting began at 7:08 with a reading and reflection of the Gospel of Luke 4:14-21.

November Minutes Approval

James DeGuire made a motion and Greg Von Roenn a second to approve the November meeting minutes with the two corrections as noted below.

Corrections: should have stated “October minutes” approval in two areas.

Finance Updates

Jon VanDrisse provided the following update:

- Lumen Christi is ahead year to date with an aggressive budget
- Very strong November and December
 - Envelope and offering: income received is up 8%
- Pledges also up 7-8%
 - \$1.7M in pledges reflecting an increase in both dollars and households
- Balance sheet
 - The \$944K construction loan was planned as part of the \$3.6M school renovation
 - This will be repaid over 2-3 years with payments from the “Love One Another” quarterly payments (“Love One Another” has a \$2.7- 2.8M expected return)

Commission Discussion

- Fr. Michael commented on very high mass attendance.
 - There have been a lot of young families at 7:30 am Mass
 - 1700 people at 4:30 Mass
 - Mass attendance is 150-200 short of pre-Covid numbers
 - Livestream has approximately 200 weekly views
- Untapped potential: Lumen Christi is a vibrant school; there is opportunity to bring school families into church and more parish engagement
 - Sunday, 1/26 is the school open house from 10:00-noon. This coincides with the kick off for Catholic Schools Week. All are welcome.
 - Lumen Christi school is recognized in the Archdiocese for excellence
 - Positive feedback from new families about overall environment and strong teaching staff
 - Increase in prospective families tours over last year

- Discussions about school security have continued; strong thoughts from some parents about an armed security guard. Many insurers do not cover this. No decisions have been made about this position.
- Archbishop Grob Installation- A letter was sent to each family from the new bishop. He started a weekly newsletter called "The Branches". In May he will be part of confirmation at Lumen Christi.
- Parish Mission:
 - Please be present and active in the annual Parish Mission scheduled for Sunday, February 16 through Tuesday, February 18.
 - Speaker will be Pete Burds, who is highly regarded and previously with the Diocese of Milwaukee

Closing: The Meeting was concluded at 8:16pm, followed by Vespers.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Wright