St. John the Baptist

Parish Council Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2021; 6:30 PM

Parish Theme: RETURN TO ME AND RENEW YOUR SPIRIT

Opening Prayer

Minutes for October approved.

Present: Denise Brannaman, Julie Broulik, Tom Wieseler, Mark Anton, Jacob Ryan, Denny Dietrich, Dave Klostermann, Fr. Andy, Brian Doyle. Natalie Klostermann (Faith Formation Rep) Absent: Lisa Thuerauf, Conni Swart (Finance Rep).

Previous Business:

* Update from Lisa on AED-tabled until next meeting.
* Church safety. Discussion regarding the church doors being locked for safety of staff, etc. Council decided the church will be locked unless we have Mass. The doors will be unlocked at 8 am on Mass days. They will be locked after Mass. We will have a sign on door to direct people to office door. This is effective December 1st. We also discussed limiting number of keys given to parishioners who need access to facility. There was discussion about rekeying the doors to help maintain security.
* Parish Life Committee. After discussion, it was decided that we will add this committee. The parish council will brainstorm ideas about responsibilities. We will discuss at next meeting.
* Ceiling fans for nave. Finance is still working on this.

New Business

* Furnace update. Finance is working on this.
* Baptismal font update-discussed in Liturgy maybe flowing water- more hygienic?
* Strategic planning for future all-committee meeting. Denise asked for clarification regarding Father Andy’s vision for “strategic planning” for next all-committee meeting. However, due to time constraints, we postponed discussion on this until the January PC meeting.
* Council decided to reopen the parish hall for use by parishioners for funeral dinners. Parishioners will provide their own food, and St. John’s would not provide volunteers for food donations or for food serving.
* Formed subscription. How does the cost get shared with the other parishes? Council agreed that St. John’s would pay full amount for all three parishes. Also mentioned that a good way to utilized Formed is to ask committees to watch an educational video ahead of their monthly meeting and then discuss. Is there a QR code for Formed?
* Talked about plastic covers for the Breaking Bread Missal. Father will get a sample to show the council. We will laminate prayer cards.
* Mass time adjustment. Due to Father Andrew’s now serving Oxford Junction and their Mass being so late (11 a.m.), St. John will have earlier Mass at 8 a.m. starting in January.
* Tom Wieseler shared that Parish Directories have been published in the following years: 2003, 2011, 2015.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: January 25, 2022, 6:30 PM.