St. John the Baptist

Parish Council minutes.

August 23, 2022

6:30 PM

Education Wing

Theme: Seeking healing through prayer and kindness

Opening Prayer- Dave Klostermann

Attendees: Jessica Wiskus, Julie Broulik, Jake Ryan, Brian Doyle, Denise Brannaman, Natalie Klostermann, Fr. Andrew, Dave Klostermann, Conni Swart, Leon Tabak.

Absent: Mark Anton, Lisa Thuerauf.

Review Minutes- May approved.

* Hiring update. We have three new staff members. They were introduced in the bulletin and started July 1. Trevor Gretten is our secretary. Loraine stayed on in July to help train Trevor. Cade Naughton is the new Youth and Young Adult Minister. Denise Brannaman accepted the additional part time janitorial role.
* Discussion of returning the cup with Precious Blood to Mass. The council decided that we will return the cup. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be contacted regarding their willingness to perform the cup duties. Once we have enough ministers, we will schedule them and announce this to the parish.
* Election of new officers. Denise will remain as president. Jake will remain as vice-president. Dave will remain secretary.
* Synod results are available. <https://dbqarch.org/synodal-church> We will study the information and come next time prepared to discuss in more detail. This information will guide our long-range planning.
* Family Life Connections overview- Natalie Klostermann. We are offering Family Life Connections to help families develop their domestic church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the monthly Family Life Connections presentations.
* Church safety- Denise Brannaman. We want to develop an incident plan to improve safety with input from the Mount Vernon Lisbon police department.
* Dehumidifier for southeast corner of church basement. Discussion of how to prevent mold growth in this area. One concern is moving the table carts from that area to promote air movement.
* Discussion of moving old electric grill under hood in kitchen downstairs. The council decided that we need to organize a kitchen committee with members from each group that uses the kitchen. Father will reach out to the various groups to ask for members.

Committee rep reports:

Faith formation- The evangelization team is researching restarting small faith sharing groups Totus Tuus was better attended this year than last year. We are starting a library in walk-in closet to left of Linda’s office.

Social justice- Run for Pie. September 17. Committee wants to address all of the social teachings of the church and so is researching those teachings and discussing ways to address those teachings that aren’t currently address.

Liturgy- The committee has engaged a speaker for a parish mission during Lent. The speaker is Tim Francis. His website is <https://www.youshallbelieve.com/> There is liturgical ministers training Thursday, 25. We will have Communal Anointing of Sick in October. The committee wants to remove the white ribbons from the pews on the right side of church.

Finance-garage walls are coming soon and the ed wing doors will be changed out starting in 2 weeks.

Fr. Andrew asked that we need to commission new parish council members on September 18. We would also like the parish to become more engaged in community life.

Closing Prayer- Dave Klostermann

Pray for next meeting: Leon Tabak.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 6:30 pm.