

SACRED HEART FINANCE/PARISH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 4, 2023

(This meeting satisfies the requirement for the annual corporate board)

The meeting was called to order by President, Maartje Murphy. Dianne Straley led the opening prayer.

Council members present were Marlene Smith, Dianne Straley, Blaine Schatz, Angela Boeshans, Lay Directors Maartje Murphy and Paul Reimer and Fr. Dodge. Also present was Diane Odstrcil, DRE, and Virginia Pedersen, Secretary and Karen Evans. Absent were Kevin Wolsky and Dave Mahutga.

Karen Evans addressed the council regarding the Catholic church accepting funds for youth activities from gaming funds. Her concerns were noted and there was discussion on what the church canon law 2413 teaches and the state law requirement of giving away the funds to charities. After Karen left the meeting and after more discussion, the council unanimously approved receiving gaming funds from the wrestling club. There was a motion by Dianne Straley that a letter be drafted and approved by the council before being sent in response to Karen's concerns. Paul seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Angela made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (August 2, 2023) as presented. Marlene seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education – Our Religious Education opening Mass held on September 6th with an ice cream social following had a good turnout with almost 100 in attendance and used about 5 gallons of ice cream. Next time, Maartje and Casey will bring gelato.

Six Seniors applied for the Fr. Haas Memorial Scholarship which will be given out after their first semester.

Board of Education election was held on September 8th-9th with Katie Riedesel being elected to the education board.

Father has completed the three Reconciliation meetings. A Reconciliation Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 14th from 8:30 am – noon with the students receiving their First Confession that day. There are 9 students in this class, with a couple of new families.

A bake sale for CCD/CYO activities will be held on October 28th-29th weekend.

A letter was sent to all students in grades 6-8 regarding the Revival youth day at Red Willow on October 20th.

Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 17th with Jessica Skadberg and Jane Sauby as directors.

A check for \$500.00 was received from the wrestling club to be used for CCD/CYO activities.

Finance – The January through August, 2023 financial report for the parish was presented, reviewed and discussed.

Blaine made a motion to approve the financial report as submitted. Paul seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Our general fund has a balance of \$38,934.36; our building fund has a balance of \$276,550.33 and our Deposit and Loan fund at the Diocese has a balance of \$266,346.84. We also have an Endowment fund at the Diocese which has a total balance of \$2,560.73.

Altar Society – Financially assisted with the Welcome Breakfast/Teacher Recognition Breakfast.

Have cleaned up the back KC/Altar Society storage room and banner closet.

Held a rummage sale in September.

K.C.'s – Lead rosaries before Mass on the weekends.

Helped with the State KC golf tournament on August 4th here in Carrington.

KC organizational meeting was held on August 24th.

K.C.'s helped at the local Food Pantry on August 30th.

On September 11th, our local K.C.'s were awarded the Star Council Award.

Assisted with the Welcome Breakfast/Teacher Recognition Breakfast on September 17th.

KC Kick-off Banquet will be on October 9th.

Buildings & Grounds – The fire extinguishers were inspected and parts were replaced with a cost of \$650.00.

Schulz checked the air conditioners, but there is still some dripping. The Northeast AC unit has quit all together.

Father was going to get a price from Trampus regarding the AC unit for us and one for Sykeston and maybe get a better price by ordering two.

It was mentioned that maybe we could request funds for a new AC unit on the iGiveCatholic day, November 28, 2023, which Steve Schons from the Diocese assisted getting this initiated.

OLD BUSINESS: Tentative meeting dates scheduled are: Wednesdays, January 17, 2024 at 8:10 pm, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm, August 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm and October 2, 2024 at 8:10 pm. It was suggested moving the January 17th meeting to Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 pm to allow for the adoration and the meeting to get done at a more reasonable time.

Regarding the capital campaign lighting project, the lights are all in; one came broke. Brett does not have the control unit yet though. After the new year is the starting time frame for this project.

Father will set up a new date when he gets back from vacation to discuss the kitchen remodeling project.

Father and Virginia met with Steve Schons from the Diocese and the Guidance with Giving representative last Thursday. We have set a special meeting on Wednesday, December 13th at 8:10 pm with Steve and Guidance with Giving representative so that the parish council can hear about the diocesan and parish campaign procedure and ask questions.

The Bishop's 3 items for discussion won't be available until next month.

Fr. Duchscherer wrote a letter regarding the deanery pastoral council meeting which our lay directors attend and the two items for discussion that are to be taken to the Bishop. They are: What to do to get the "next generation" of leaders/volunteers involved in the parish? How do we evangelize to bring back families to the practice of their faith and the reception of the sacraments and participation in their parish?

NEW BUSINESS:

Father has asked a couple people to be a new lay director and parish council member to replace Paul and Angela. He is waiting on their responses.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

The parking lot handicap signs are in place, as is the bike rack. The bike rack will be stored in Fr.'s workshop for the winter months. Repainting the handicap lines in the parking lot will be done next year.

All priests and parish representatives for the Local Diocesan Synod (Joanna Lee from Carrington and Diane Hafner from Sykeston) to be held on April 11-13, 2024 will have their expenses paid by the parish to attend.

Bishop Cousins from the next diocese over gave a very good talk on the Eucharist at Presbyteral Days. More preaching needs to be done on the sacraments. Father spoke on his idea of what he wants to do in our parish. He will put a sign-up sheet in the back of church where we can sign up to offer something up which is stopping us from letting Jesus in our hearts and loving Jesus. Bishop Cozzens also said some parishes are doing Rosary Campaigns. This Father Dodge will also implement. Sacred Heart will have a goal of 2,000 rosaries in a year. A box will be in the back of church where you sign your name and the number of rosaries you said that week. An ongoing count will be published in the bulletin.

There is a Made for Greatness Men's Retreat in Maryvale on January 19-21, 2024.

On November 16th, "Made for More" event is being held in Fargo with a cost of \$25.00. You can check this out on the Fargo Diocese website.

It was noted that there is a Musician's Workshop being held on November 3rd and 4th in Fargo and the parish will pay for our choir members to attend this, if they choose to go.

The Time and Talent Sunday survey has been revised and will be presented in church on November 25th-26th to be completed and returned.

Regarding the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, when Father gets back from vacation, he will send out an email and check to see if they have changed their mind regarding distributing the Precious Blood at Mass. If more are comfortable, it will be brought back with one cup on one side.

Regarding the changing seats at Mass, it worked for a couple weeks, which was nice.

FMSC (Feed My Starving Children) MobilePack in Fargo on January 5-15, 2024 is gearing up to pack 10 million meals at the Fargodome. Virginia and Angela attended a meeting to hear more on this. A local group is organizing a bus from Carrington to take people to Fargo for a 2 hr. shift. People can sign up on their own also. More information is forthcoming once a set date and time has been worked out.

The Diocese has implemented Flocknotes for all parishes, which is free the first year for the parishes. This is a diocesan/parish informational communications email or text coming out monthly.

There were 89 priests at Presbyteral Days at Maryvale. The Bishop had several points/topics to all the priests to encourage them in their pastoral duty. The items of discussion were:

- 1) Eucharistic Year – there are priests assigned as Eucharistic preachers.
- 2) Eucharistic devotion – Acts 29 – keep doing it.
- 3) Value of small group.
- 4) Diocesan trip to Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. There is going to be a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Jamestown next year.
- 5) 1990-1992 Diocesan Campaign.
- 6) Cathedral Renovation - \$2.5 million to replace the whole ceiling.
- 7) Catholic School Administrators – coming up with a policy for gender issues.
- 8) Encourage retreats – parish events at Maryvale.
- 9) Supernatural issues – 2 priests appointed.
- 10) Get regular health screenings.
- 11) God's Gift Appeal.
- 12) Fr. Neil Pfeifer – on indefinite leave.
- 13) Deacon Matt Kensok – not being ordained at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thurs., January 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm with 15 minutes of adoration prior to the meeting. Angela volunteered to say the opening prayer.

Fr. Dodge led the closing prayer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia Pedersen, Secretary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Virginia Pedersen, Secretary