

Parish Council Minutes

May 19, 2022; 6:00 PM

Attendees: Russ Schuster, Traci Snyders, Rick Smail, Ashley Greeley, Charles Mayfield, Angela Byers, Albert Bruecken. **Guests:** Megan Johansen and Michele Starke.

1. Opening Prayer – Scripture Reading - Gospel of 6th Sunday of Easter Jn 14:23-29 (5 minutes). We read the Gospel together and chose a word or phrase that stood out to each of us.

2. CGS – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

- Megan Johansen (& Michele Starke) presented what is going on and where we would like to go with the CGS program. For details, please look at Megan's report (CGS – Pastoral Council Brief 2022) which is attached and which was given to PC members in advance. The program has been well received by parents and students, and has tripled in size over the last year to 130 – 150 children in school and religious education programs this year. Currently it needs more rooms and more catechists (who need to be trained). There are three Levels: Level I for ages 3-6, Level II for ages 6-9, and Level III for ages 9-12. We have 13 Catechists for Level I and 2 (partially) trained Catechists for Level II. Discussion was extended 5 extra minutes
- There is a desire to grow the program, but no plan currently. A temporary *ad hoc* committee was set up to study the problem, develop a plan, and make recommendation(s) to the Pastoral Council. Those on the committee are: Traci Snyders, Rick Smail, Mark Wiederholt, Karma Coleman, and Megan Johansen.

Representation Reports

- Finance Committee – Charles Mayfield. The Finance Committee met and discussed the deficiency in the plate income vs. the budget, recommended the tuition rates (, establishing a platform like Venmo for giving (we will use “My Church”). In the discussion it was recommended that we find a way to find, track, and approach alumni of St. Gregory Barbarigo School for donations. This would necessitate purchasing a Constituant Relationship Management (CRM) database program to track alumni.
- I-Team/Evangelization – Russ Schuster. We are in the end of the 3rd year of the 5-year program of Dynamic Parish. The program interrupted by the Pandemic. Recently we used the book, *Living Joy* by Chris Stefanick for small group discussions over Lent. We also gave away the book, *The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen* for Easter, and the “Best Lent Ever” podcasts were noted as worthwhile. Chris Kuhlemeyer is finalizing an Evangelization Plan, Directions for Ushers, and is working on Guidelines for Lectors. They have also planned Donut Sunday and a Parish Picnic.
- Knights of Columbus – Rick Smail. Over Lent they showed weekly installments of a program on The Holy Land by Edward Sri, and one by Bishop Robert Barron on The Mass. There was also the usual fund raisers certain Fridays in Lent by offering four Fish Fries, one for Camp Quality, one for a Pro-Life Cause (Meet Life), and two for the K. of C. They also offered a tenderloin dinner during Eastertime for The Source.
- Maintenance -Mark Wiederholt – absent.
- PTO – Ashley Greeley. The budget is ready for June 2nd meeting, they put on Teacher Appreciation week, Mother – Son Date night, and are preparing for the Rummage Sale.

- School Advisory Board – Traci Snyder. Staffing updates: we need a 5th grade teacher and Pre-school para. The board is also wanting to have locker rooms for changing clothes (now are using classrooms) and interest remains in the playground project.

Upcoming Events (Up to 3 minutes each)

- Small Faith Group Potluck – June 5th from 4-6 PM
- Deacon Reception – June 19th after 10:30 AM Mass
- Parish Picnic – June 26th at Beal Park
- Pictorial Directory – July 5-9; 12-16 & August 9-13

Possible Projects – Discussion – postponed or previous discussion

- Need for more space
 - CGS
 - Cafeteria
 - Preschool
 - Adoration Chapel
- Walking with Moms in Need (consult Pro-Life Committee)

Future Needs Assessment (10 minutes) - Postponed or discussed earlier.

- Needs
- Surveys
- Reports

Next Meeting Date

- June 16, 6:00 pm (3rd Thursday of the Month) – Parlor

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM