

Parish Council Meeting Highlights

August 2022

Father opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes from the July 19, 2022, Parish Council meeting were approved.

Pastor's Comments: Father Anthony said that he appreciates and recognizes the various ministries. He thanked the Parish Council for all they do.

Current and Future Activities:

Diocese Capital Campaign: Caroline explained that each church will have a brochure that is specific to that parish. She anticipated that the campaign Kick-off weekend will be August 21, 2022. The Diocesan Campaign Manager has the names and phone number of Randy and parish campaign committee members and will be setting up a training session. She said there will be more information to come. Randy encouraged the parish council to positively support the parish campaign.

Adult Spiritual Education: Deacon Phil will lead religious education sessions on the components of the mass. The sessions will be in October or November. It was agreed that the sessions will be held from 3:30 PM-4:30 PM in the Parish Hall prior to the 5:00 PM Saturday Masses. Caroline will see which dates work best for Deacon Phil.

Father Anthony said that he has talked to priests about conducting a two-day retreat at our Parish this fall.

2023 Parish Budget: Randy and Caroline presented the fiscal 2023 budget to the Parish Council. The budget was approved by the Finance committee at their last meeting. After some questions and discussion, the budget was approved by the Parish Council. Randy said that an annual report, which will include the actual financial results for fiscal 2021 and 2022 along with the fiscal 2023 budget will be provided to the parishioners sometime in late September or early October. The financial information will be accompanied by a letter from Father Anthony. Good Shepherd and Margaret Mary are considered one church by the diocese so the financial information in the annual report will be combined.

Ministry Updates:

Hospitality: Marie mentioned that all is going well.

Family Life: Su said that the pizza social gatherings on August 6th and 7th were well attended. Left over pizza was donated to the Women's Group for their Bunco event on August 9th. There will be a Family Life meeting on September 6, 2022, at 2:30 PM to discuss plans for the upcoming Parish Picnic.

Women's Group: There were nineteen players at Bunco on August 9th and next Bunco will be on September 13, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Margaret Mary: Mike Gallagher said that John Casey is in the process of removing the bees and hive from the back of the church. Betty Rabozzi said they are planning to host a coffee and donuts social after one of the upcoming Sunday Masses.

Hispanic Community: Karla now has a paid position as a liaison for the Spanish community and Father Anthony. The Spanish Mass time has changed to 12:30 PM on Sundays. Hispanic families are returning to Mass after Covid. The religious education class has 22 Hispanic children signed up. Karla said that the Family Life Committee needs to invite the Spanish community is invited to the Parish Picnic and suggested having posters in both English and Spanish. Bruce said that there is a section on the website for Spanish speaking parishioners.

Parish Website: Bruce said that the Parish website is up to date. Three new families are using the on-line giving option. Bruce said there are now twenty-two families that use on-line giving. Bruce added a new picture of Margaret Mary to the website.

Maintenance: Bruce said they have spent about five months repairing the Parish house. The repairs included demolishing and repairing the bathroom, walls, and floor. The repairs have cost approximately \$3700. Bruce also said that in the atrium of Parish Center, there was black mold that was addressed. He encouraged everyone that if they see something that needs to be addressed, let him know as soon as possible so repairs can be made sooner and less costly.

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Wiedemer mentioned that there are two new lectors. Revised guidance on the ministry to the homebound will be sent out to all Eucharistic ministers. Mike said that there has been an increase in the number of homebound parishioners and additional help is needed.

Safety: Mike Wiedemer said he is ordering more solar lights. The supplier is currently out of stock. The security camera equipment has been received and needs to be installed.

KOC: Bob Worrell said that the Knights of Columbus have installed a ramp at Patty Davidson's home to assist her husband, who is recovering from a fall. Bob said that the upcoming Thursday night movie will be Father Stu. Next month's movie will be The Cokeville Miracle.

Mardi Gras: Barbara has a tentative date for the 2023 Mardi Gras event. She is planning to have the event on February 18, 2023, subject to retaining a band. She is currently looking at three bands. Barbara said that she has coordinated this event for years and wants to eventually transition it to someone else.

Religious Education: Registration is underway, and classes are set to begin on September 11, 2022.

Bereavement: Cecelia indicated that there were no funerals this month.

Other items discussed:

1. Planning to have a Town Hall meeting after the Capital Campaign.
2. Pavilion improvements with walkway from parking lot to pavilion
3. The need for someone to organize activities for men like the Women's Group Bunco activities.

The Next meeting will be on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 4:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Father Anthony closed the meeting with a prayer.