

SS. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes from Tuesday May 11, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM by Vice President Sam Lieser
- II. Opening prayer was led by Father Matthew.
- III. Secretary's Report
 - a. Roll Call: Council members present: Chad, Paul, Mitch, Kathy, Brian, Jeremy, Sam L, Samantha, Kevin, Pat, Danny, and Father Matthew. Brian joined the meeting via phone due to quarantine. Absent Ryan. Parishioner: Greg Novak
 - b. Approval of previous meeting minutes: A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes by: Kathy and a second by: Danny. Motion carried.
 - c. Approval of Agenda: Brian added church security to new business. Chad added the topic of a women and men's group to new business. Father added events to new business. A motion to approve the agenda with the additions, was made by Danny. A second motion was made by Jeremy. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Update on Parish Center: Father still needs to send the letter to the diocese for approval. Father would like to be more acquainted with the project prior to writing the letter. He will meet with the building committee. Paul will set up a meeting to go over all of the project with Father.
 - b. Cemetery Clean up. Kevin has been cleaning up all the old flowers that have been left in the cemetery. Jeremy will drill holes into the concrete for those that want their flower pots next to the head stones to keep them off the grass. It is a lot easier for mowing to not have them randomly in the ground. Samantha will work with Jeremy to get an announcement in the bulletin. Jeremy will drill holes for those that would like them. Ralph is currently busy working on placing all the headstones from over the winter months. Once he is caught up, he will start repairing some of the original headstones that has already been predetermined by Kevin and Ralph. Kevin and Fred have been cleaning up the old dead trees that are in the cemetery. Once it is all cleaned up, we will look at planting new trees in the fall or next spring.
 - c. COVID update: The church can be fully open on June 1, 2021 without any restrictions.
- V. New Business
 - a. Church steps: Mitch talked with Jeff Kasella regarding sanding down the front steps. He wouldn't be able to give a quote until he was "knee deep" into the project to know for sure what he is dealing with. The hand rails will need to be pulled out when the sanding starts on the steps. Mitch will keep in contact with Jeff for progress. Paul has talked with Leo Zimmerman. Leo does have that sort of equipment available for rental but Paul/Mitch would prefer to wait for Jeff as the professional to give the advice on how to proceed with the sealing and the whole process.

- b. Church security. An odd person came in during adoration. The person was riding around on a wheel chair, blowing out candles, up in the sacristy. Someone notified Father and later called the cops. The person was known by the cops. Much discussion of ideas such as a keypad, cameras, utilizing a certain entrance took place. Since this has been an isolated incident, it was decided to leave it alone for now. Encourage those at adoration to have a cell phone along and to call 911 at any time. It is better to be safe. If the problems occurs again then further action will take place. It was also discussed that there should be training for the ushers. Making a protocol of who would be responsible for certain tasks if that need were ever to arise. Sam L will contact David L to have David organize a meeting/training for the ushers.
- c. Women/Men group. Chad mentioned that Missy and Bethany are working to organize a women/men's group for a church community to gather and socialize. A more formal presentation will be in the future.
- d. Events-Church can fully be open on June 1. It was decided to have a welcome back breakfast on June 6 following the 8AM mass. The fundraising committee will meet Thursday May 20 at 7PM to finalize the details for the breakfast and brainstorm ideas for the year of fundraising.
- e. Fish fry-Greg Novak gave a briefing on the fish fries that he had during lent. He said it was more about getting people together and making the fish fry successful. He said it was nice to see so many different people coming together to make it happen.
- f. Father will be having a server training before the servers start serving again.

VI. Reports

- a. Financial Committee: No further update as of now.
- b. Building Committee: Paul is working with Terry to get the steeple fixed. The original person who has done it in the past has health issues and is unable to do the job now.
- c. Christian Women: They are celebrating 50 years this coming Sunday, May 16. The mass intention is for the Christian Women.
- d. Knights of Columbus: No updates
- e. Parish Nurse: Father will start seeing homebound parishioners the first Friday of each month. Homebound parishioners should let Betty know and Betty will assist Father in setting up home appointments.
- f. St. Johns Area School: No update
- g. Faith Formation: Classes have been completed.
- h. Welcoming Committee: Mike and Sue Brunn have been greeting parishioners prior to mass and it is appreciated.
- i. Fundraising Committee: Meeting May 20 at 7PM
- j. ACC: No Update

VII. Concerns from Parishioners

- a. The Sacred of Relic speaker was great. About 380 people attended.
- b. A question to Father Matthew about not wanting Father of the bride to walk her down the aisle. Father Matthew indicated the diocese has a shift in the way a wedding procession should be done. He explained the theology of it, but has allowed the brides the choice of having their father walk them down the aisle.

- c. Hearing Father Matthew is hard when he is at the altar. Possibly consider having a stand-alone mic on the alter. A couple weeks prior, some met at church with a sound company about the acoustics of the church and the current speaker system. Equalizers are needed. A quote for their recommendations is still in progress and has not been received yet.

- VIII. Next meeting will be Tuesday August 10, 2021 at 7PM.

- IX. Adjournment: A motion was made by Jeremy to adjourn the meeting. Second from Kathy. Motion carried.

- X. Closing Prayer: Father Matthew lead the group in a Hail Mary.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Ratka 5/12/2021