

SS. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by President Brian Lorenz
- II. Opening prayer was led by Brian Lorenz
- 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. Absent Ryan. Parishioner: Barb Larson
  - b. Approval of previous meeting minutes: A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes by: Sam L and a second by: Jeremy. Motion carried.
  - c. Approval of Agenda: Sam L added Security of ushers to old business. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Danny. A second by Sam L. Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Update on Parish Center: Leonard S, Greg Novak and Father Matthew met with the diocese building committee. The building plans were presented to the group. There is a volunteer architect who is a part of the committee that made a few minor recommendations to the plans. The recommendations were considered and made sense to the parish building committee. The changes were submitted for an updated drawing. It will be a month or so before they are ready. The finance committee met after meeting with the diocese and decided the parish is not ready to apply for a loan from the diocese yet. It would be a loan at 4% interested for 10-12 years. Father would like to see the parish have 70% of the funds raised before applying for any loan. The parish council, trustees and finance committee will be meeting with a financial consultant in the few weeks to hear options and decide if the consultant should be hired. Danny expressed concerns that when the parish center is finally built that setting up a rental fee schedule be established so it is able to generate some income as there will be building upkeep and it will help with that. Brian expressed concerns that a media closet/room needs to be established during the building of the parish center so there are no regrets in the future. Brian also asked if there would be some wall space to add a showcase for the KC items. Paul thought there was an open corner that could be utilized to add those items.
  - b. Cemetery:

Ralph has been fixing the old stones that are in need of repair. Kevin has been in contact with him to assure the most needed stones are fixed prior to the insurance inspection. The insurance inspection is coming up in September. Kevin would also like to add two to three runners out in the cemetery. He will make contact with someone to get this completed as it has been a dry year and would be a good year to get it completed.
  - c. COVID update: No update
  - d. Usher Security: David Lieser will make a list of protocols for the ushers to look over and know where necessary items are located and will make sure they are all aware.

V. New Business

- a. Church steps: Kasella concrete came to look at the steps. They would need to build a platform to be able to grind the steps. Kasella is OK if we do the grinding. They would come and do the fine tuning and sealing with a grit to prevent the surface from becoming slippery. Paul and Jeremy are going to rent one grinder and try a small patch to see how it will work. If it works, they will be looking for several volunteers to come and help grind the steps in about a 2-week time period in September. Leonard knows of a place to take the hand rails to and they will weld a stainless-steel bottom to them to help with rust from the salt/ice damage.
- b. Cell phone for Father Matthew: There was a concern presented anonymously to a council member from a parishioner from the tri-parish, regarding getting ahold of Father Matthew in an emergency situation. Out of respect for Father Matthews private cell phone, it was agreed that Father Matthew would get a second number (google number/internet number) that would go to his cell phone and would answer on an emergency basis. The number will be added to the rectory and parish office voice mail message. Father Matthew also stated that if he is unreachable, in an emergency, to contact Father Michael in Foley. Samantha will follow up with Father in one month to assure this has been completed.
- c. Future Events: Fundraising committee met at 6:15PM, August 10 to discuss options. Rob Stay has the golf tournament planned for August 22 with a 2:00PM shotgun start. 1PM registration. 6 teams confirmed, \$50 per golfer. 10 teams total. Hole sponsors are paying \$200 each.  
September 11, will be another can drive. The last can drive raised about \$300 for the building fund.  
The idea of a concert/band/dance was discussed. It was decided to go ahead with planning this event for the fall. Saturday, October 2, 2021 Stifle will play in the park. GLS has agreed to set up a cash bar. Food will be provided. Elissa will call Kevin to see if he is able to roast some pork. Side dishes, Juice, water would be provided. Presale tickets will be available. Council members to watch their email for helping with the event and any other parish members who would be interested in helping as well. The idea will be presented to the Gilman City Council on Tuesday August 17 for final approval.
- d. Welcome packet: There was a welcome packet established a few years ago but got lost in transition. Linda Zimmer requested it be re-established and handed out. Samantha received the copy. A copy was presented to each council member to review. Additions and corrections were made. Father Matthew will send Samantha his greeting letter to be added to the packet. Kevin would like an e-giving sheet included in the packet. Samantha will make the corrections, and connect with Linda Zimmer to finalize the welcome packet.

VI. Reports

- a. Financial Committee: Please see above in the parish center update

- b. Building Committee: The Bus garage needs to be re-shingled. Jeremy got a quote for \$5000 for the shingles. He will donate his time to do the work, sometime this fall or winter, the project will be completed. He will ask for volunteers if needed.  
The desks need to be sold out of the bus garage. Kevin will send Samantha pics and she will post them to be sold. If they do not sell, they will be brought in for scrap metal. The old radiators need to be sold or brought in for scrap metal as well to clean up the garage.

The plaster is weeping above the statues in front of church. Paul is looking for someone to fix it.

The Steeples outside need work. Paul and Jeremy met with someone who will give a quote to get it fixed. They walked the whole outside of the church looking at all the places that the mortar is falling off. Awaiting a more detail estimate, but looking at about \$40k to fix the steeples. The recommendation was giving that some of the stones need to be sealed yearly due to the weather, wet, cold, hot and re-freezing. The sealer would help preserve the brick.

- c. Christian Women: No Update
- d. Knights of Columbus: October 30 potato pancake supper. Family picnic was the week prior and went well. Always looking for new people
- e. Parish Nurse: Father is 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: Registration is online
- h. Welcoming Committee: Please see notes about welcome packet in new business
- i. Fundraising Committee: Please see notes about future events in new business
- j. ACC: No Update

#### VII. Concerns from Parishioners

- a. Diane Kieffer sent letters to all the trustees and Father Matthew requesting the Prayer of St. Michael to be said after every mass. Some do say it after the Rosary, which is said prior to mass. Father Matthew does not want to force devotions, but will do it if the parishioners would like it said. Council members should talk to parishioners to see if it is something they would like said. If the majority would like it said, Father Matthew will add it.
- b. Mitch received a phone call from a parishioner who had concerns about the questions and topics that Father is discussing with couples who are getting married. Father talked about the process from couples getting married. They meet with father to take the questionnaire. The questionnaire is 160-180 questions depending on first marriage, second marriage, kids etc. They then go to the weekend retreat hosted by the diocese, and then work through the workbook, 3-4 meetings with Father, depending on timing.

Barb mentioned her daughter, who was just married a few weeks prior, thought the preparation was fine and had no concerns with the preparation or topics discussed.

Barb did have questions about the suggestion of the father of the bride not being able to walk their daughter down the aisle or the music change for the bride to walk in. Father discussed how the diocese wanted to change the way the procession is. Concerns were brought up that if we want the future of the church and the parish center, we need to be flexible on the songs for the bride, father of the bride walking her down the aisle. Barb brought up that the kids want to go other churches as it is more appealing to them. Jeremy asked if Father would make a consistent protocol and it be established for all to see so everyone is aware.

Chad brought up a concern that is requesting Father come to mass a few minutes earlier than he has been. There have been questions about readings, music and he isn't there to be able to answer those questions. Father said he will try but is sometimes caught up in a confession.

Communication: Father will try to add a mic to the altar. Sam and Brian will meet with Father Matthew and maybe unplug the front two speaker to see if that will help with the echo.

Paul mentioned that red glass globe light will fall off and break. Danny will look at it and fix it.

- VIII. Next meeting will be Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 7PM
- IX. Adjournment: A motion was made by Jeremy to adjourn the meeting. Second from Sam L. Motion carried.
- X. Closing Prayer: Father Matthew lead the group in a Glory Be