

SS. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:02PM by Vice President Sam Lieser
- II. Opening prayer was led by Sam Lieser
- III. Secretary's Report
 - a. Roll Call: Council members present: Chad, Paul, Mitch, Kathy, Jeremy, Sam L, Samantha, Ryan and Father Matthew. Absent Pat and Dan.
 - b. Approval of previous meeting minutes: A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes by: Kathy and a second by: Jeremy. Motion carried.
 - c. Approval of Agenda: Samantha added cleaning basement. Ryan added personnel committee. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Ryan. A second by Kathy Motion carried.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Building update: No real update on the project. The Architect made the minor adjustments that were recommended by the Diocese to the blue print. Much discussion was had about the ability to fundraise. When the project started 10+ years ago, the bid was about \$656,000.00. The current bid is about \$1.4 million and it seems like the project is getting further away. We will await the results of the feasibility study that will be conducted by Hal Johnson and Associates in the beginning of 2022.
 - b. Cemetery: There was discussion at the August meeting that Kevin would like to add 2-3 runners in the cemetery, as it was a dry year. Upon further investigation, there is a whole row available yet and the runners were not needed at this time.
 - c. Church Steps: The grinding of the old epoxy was completed. The hand rails were repainted and recently installed back on the steps with stainless steel bases and secured in place. Still awaiting the sealant product from a masonry company. Jeremy stated what we could roll it on, once someone is able to obtain the product. This will take place in the spring due to the winter weather.
 - d. Cell Phone for Father Matthew: It seems to have been an isolated incident from the previous discussion. Father does have a voicemail at his home and at the parish office. If getting ahold of Father Matthew becomes a bigger issue, we will re-visit the cell phone plan in the future, if necessary.
- V. New Business
 - a. Parish Council Voting was moved to the weekend of December 4 and 5 at the request of the parish office, per Father Matthew. The names on the ballot will be Mary Kay Spiczka, Laura Stumvoll, Kendra Vizenor, Jesse Brenny, Rob Stay, and Ryan Brun.
 - b. Future Events:
 - i. Kathy would like to host a spaghetti supper with a potential wine tasting at the supper. She would like to do a free will offering. Spaghetti dinner will be

Saturday February 5, 2022 from 4-7PM. Time is subject to change. Kathy is working with Joann from the liquor store at Coborns to see how they can make the wine tasting work at the spaghetti supper. Kathy is the organizer of the event and will let everyone know what she needs.

- ii. Fish Fry. We will maybe do 2 Fridays during lent. We will see what Sts. Elizabeth and Joseph decide. Mitch will discuss with Greg if his equipment is available and what the finances were, if it is worth the time to do it.
- c. Welcome packet: the welcome packet is completed. Linda Zimmer had some printed up and will have them available in the back of church for anyone to take. Also, there will be a protocol in place to hand them out to new members.
- d. Cleaning the basement: Council members will meet January 16, after 8AM mass to start cleaning the basement up. There is too much stuff just being stored. Paul will arrange to have a dumpster there. If there is anything salvageable, we will set up a silent auction at the spaghetti supper to get rid of items that are no longer needed in the basement but are usable.
- e. Raffle tickets will be done on 1/6/2022 by the council. Kathy mentioned in the past, that Father would open the envelope and read who won each month at the end of mass and how nice it was. Ryan echoed that it was nice that it was done in church. Father Matthew thought that he probably could do this.
- f. Personnel Committee: Ryan brought up that for years there has been the talk of making job descriptions for the personnel who are employed by the church. Any future job openings need to be posted and a committee from all 3 parishes needs to be formed and sit in on interviews. Father Matthew agreed and said he will reach out to Sts. Elizabeth and Joseph to get 2 people from each and meet with Ryan. Ryan will be calling the diocese to obtain a job description. It was asked of Sam if his wife, Pam, would be willing to sit on the committee as she is an HR recruiter. He will let Ryan know if Pam will join him on the committee. The personnel committee will also adjust the job description to tailor the parish needs and establish a performance review system and how that should look for all positions.
- g. Choir: Ryan brought up a concern about the choir coming down and walking to the front for communion. Several factors have contributed to asking for someone to come up and distribute communion. Either someone with a lager pick, or one of the eucharistic ministers go up there first and then join the front. Something will be established to assist getting communion up to the choir members.
- h. Christmas mass schedule: Christmas EVE: 4PM at PP, 10PM at SE Christmas Day: 8AM at PP and SJ. Father Virgil will say 8AM mass at PP on Christmas Day.

VI. Reports

- a. Financial Committee: Please see above in the parish center update
- b. Building Committee: Please see above in the building update
- c. Christian Women: No Update
- d. Knights of Columbus: No Update
- 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: Holiday Bake sale order forms are available.
 - g. Faith Formation: No Update
 - h. Welcoming Committee: Please see notes about welcome packet
 - i. Fundraising Committee: A fundraising meeting date and time will be established when the council meets for raffle tickets in January.
 - j. ACC: They would like meetings to start up again, but nothing concrete has been established.
- VII. Concerns from Parishioners. Samantha showed Father Matthew a text she had received earlier that day. It was a text claiming to be Father Matthew and asking for a favor. Jeremy had received that same text that day as well, and got a request to pay for some Apple iTunes gift cards. A separate meeting was being held in the church basement about funeral groups and someone from that meeting walked over with the same text asking Father if he had sent it. Father said he will announce in mass about the text and it is a scam. He will make it clear that he will never text asking for money from anyone and to advise anyone not to fall for the scam.
- VIII. Next meeting will be Tuesday February 8, 2022 at 7PM
- IX. Adjournment: A motion was made by Ryan to adjourn the meeting. Second from Kathy. Motion carried.
- X. Closing Prayer: Father Matthew lead the group in a Glory Be

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Ratka 11/18/2021