

SS. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2022

- 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, Sam L, Samantha, Jesse, Mary Kay, Dan Father Matthew. Trustee presents: Mitch and Paul. Employee present: Kevin Szfranski Parishioners Present: Greg Novak. Absent Kathy and Ryan
 - b. Approval of previous meeting minutes: A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes by: Sam a second by: Dan Motion carried.
 - c. Approval of Agenda: Samantha added Fish Fry, Election of officers and capital campaign. Sam made a motion to approve the agenda, a second by Dan. Motion carried
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Future Events: We discussed future church community events. Discussion regarding music in the park. Samantha will check with the band for availability.
 - b. Personnel committee: tabled to next meeting
 - c. Cleaning of church basement: the available council members cleaned out the stage and some cupboards. The dumpster was donated. Paul and Kevin added stuff from the bus garage that needed to go to fill the remainder of the dumpster. The bus garage is full of stuff and another dumpster is needed to clean it out. Samantha will post the old radiators online in an effort to try and sell them. If that is unsuccessful, they will be brought to a metal recycling center. An email will be sent to the council for a date in late March or April to get together and clean out the garage
- V. New Business
 - a. The church received a letter from the City of Gilman regarding plans on replacing the sewer lines when Benton County does road work on County Roads 5 and 3 in the years 2023 or 2024. The city-wide informational meeting is Thursday February 17, 2022 at 7PM in the Gilman Church basement. Kevin will attend the meeting and keep the council informed if anything needs to be addressed.
 - b. Signage for office doors in the church basement. Council agreed for Jan to order the signs for the 3 office doors.
 - c. Fish Fry: Gilman will host 2 fish fry on Friday, March 11 and Friday, April 1. Discussion of price will be determined prior to the first fish fry. Drive thru, take out and dine in will all be available dining options. Our meal will include; fish, potatoes, homemade bread, green beans, salad, and a dessert. Volunteer opportunities will be offered to the religious education students. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin looking for parishioners to help.
 - d. Election of officers for parish council for 2022:

- i. A motion was made by Sam to nominate Brian Lorenz for president. A second was made by Dan. Motion carried.
 - ii. A motion was made by Dan to nominate Sam for Vice President. A second by Jesse. Motion carried.
 - iii. A motion was made by Dan to nominate Samantha for Secretary. A second by Dan. Motion carried.
- e. Capital Campaign with Hal Johnson Associates.

A discussion took place regarding the meeting that Hal Johnson had with Father, Paul, Mitch, Rhonda and Samantha. Paul and Mitch thought it was appropriate to move forward with the capital campaign versus a feasibility study for the parish center. Discussion was had about the amount of money in the specific parish hall account. Greg Novak had concerns that the money has not been kept separate and how do we know what the exact amount of money in the specific parish center fund is. Paul and Mitch will investigate further, and will check in with the finance committee if needed. There is information to get to Hal by February 22. Parish wide informational meetings will be March 13 at 4:00PM and March 14 at 6:30PM to begin the capital campaign.

VI. Reports

- a. Financial Committee: No update.
- b. Building Committee:
 - i. There are 2 old radiators behind the circular decorations on the wall in the front of church. The mortar around the circular decorations is starting to let loose. It was determined that those old, unused radiators are allowing moisture in, causing the mortar to crack and crumble. Paul and Jeremy will seal those unused radiators off to prevent further damage and will repair the mortar as needed.
 - ii. The steeples are in need of much repair. They used a drone to fly around the steeples to obtain video and pictures of the damage that is occurring. They need to dig out mortar, add new tuck points and caulk. It is an estimated three to three and a half months of work with an estimate of \$156,000. This estimate includes sealant as well. The sealant lasts about 10 years and should be kept up in the future. The sealant beads off the water and prevents water from getting into the brick and mortar. With the extreme temps in Minnesota, the moisture freezes and expands in the brick causing more cracks. The council agreed that the steeples need to be fixed. Paul will take care of scheduling the contractor to fix the steeples.
- c. Christian Women: No Update
- d. Knights of Columbus: Cancelled their pork chop bingo. Brian also discussed that idea of having a casino night. A potential fundraising or family fun day. Brian will look further into options.
- 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: They are selling raffle tickets now. Spring breakfast is in April.

- g. Faith Formation: Confirmation is April 24 at 2PM in Gilman for several local parishes. First communion is May 1.
 - h. Welcoming Committee: Linda Zimmer makes the schedule for greeters. If you're interested in being a greeter, it is one Sunday every 6-8 weeks. Welcome packets are available for anyone who would like one.
 - i. Fundraising Committee: See above.
 - j. ACC: No update.
- VII. Concerns from Parishioners.
- i. Envelopes were delivered late. The last quarters were delivered in the middle of December. The following day, the first quarter envelopes were delivered.
 - ii. Dan asked Father to make his talks more age appropriate for religion nights. Even though parents are present, they are there for the kids. When kids are asked what was discussed, they say they didn't understand what was being said. Father will work on talking at the kids' level of understanding.
- VIII. Next meeting will be Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 10PM
- IX. Adjournment: A motion was made by Sam adjourn the meeting. Second from Dan. Motion carried.
- X. Closing Prayer: Father Matthew led the group in a Glory Be

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Ratka, 2/12/2022