

SS. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes from Thursday February 16, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by President Brian Lorenz
- II. Opening prayer was led by Father Matthew.
- III. Secretary's Report
 - a. Roll Call: Council members present: Sam, Brian, Dan, Kathy, Kendra, Mary Kay, Samantha, Jesse, Jeff
Trustee: Paul
Employee: Kevin
Father Matthew
Parishioners: Chad Barthelemy, Greg Novak
Absent: Wally
 - b. Approval of Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Financial Report by: Sam L and a second by: Kendra. Motion carried.
 - c. Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made to accept the previous meeting minutes by Jesse and a second by Kendra
 - d. Approval of Agenda: Kathy added to new business that new vestments are needed. Paul added parish center to old business. Father Matthew added basement usage to new business. Jesse added fish fry to new business. Samantha added nominations of officers. Samantha added bulletin board to new business. Kendra made a motion to approve the agenda with all the additions. Mary Kay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Prior to proceeding with the remainder of the agenda, A motion was made by Kathy to keep Brian as President, Sam L as Vice President and Samantha as Secretary. Discussion between the council members. The nominees accepted the roles for the 2023 year. A second to the motion was made by Jesse. Motion carried. Thank you to Chad Barthelemy for his last 6 years of service on the council. A welcome to Jeff Mastey for agreeing to be on the ballot and joining the council.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Kathy followed up on the spaghetti supper. She had hoped for a better turn out. Some comments were that some didn't come due to being advertised for the parish center. The food was good. Discussion with the council any future gatherings will be for general fund only. We need to invest in creating a physical community and growing relationships. Thank you, Kathy, for organizing this event. Profit was about \$1000 +/-.
 - b. Painting the church doors update. The doors needed a lot of repairs. The 6 interior doors have been completed. There are 2 exterior doors that have been completed. The remaining 4 exterior doors will be completed in the next couple of weeks as they are at the painting place now. We did not get the discount for the basement entry due to not being able to complete it in January. This was due to the temperature of the concrete walls. Linda will be placing a request for donations for new carpeting in the entry way as the carpet has lots of holes and tears in it.

- c. Youth on parish council. In the fall when council nominations were collected, there was a note about having juniors and or seniors join the parish council. Discussion about how that should look. Brian thought they should join at the start of their confirmation class and then they could mentor a junior as they are seniors. Ideally, we would like 2 student members per year. They would need to be in charge of a project that they decide to take on with the approval and guidance of the council. It could be a painting project, cleaning or maintenance project, hosting a breakfast, bingo, supper, etc. Kathy volunteered to talk to the confirmation class on March 8, 2023. She will explain the expectations, how they are able to apply and answer questions that may arise. They need to write a letter about themselves, why they are interested in being an active member on the parish council. We hope to have applicants and to decide at the May meeting.
- d. Parish Center update: A small reply to the capital campaign. Paul mentioned only 69 families responded to the campaign. Of the 315 registered as parishioners, 211 gave \$1 or more to PP in the year of 2022. Total money amount in pledges is \$165,700.00 +/- and out of that \$165,700 we received \$111,000.00 +/- of it already so we have about \$54,000.00 left to collect. Kendra mentioned that she marked on her sheet "To call me to set up direct deposit" and no one has called her to set it up. She asked how many more people marked that and weren't called as well. Discussion was that maybe the office was waiting to see if it was a go ahead with the project before setting up direct deposit. It was then said that those people who did sign up for that missed out on donations for the end of 2022 and already 2 months into 2023. Father Matthew said he will check into that and why it hasn't been done already. Paul has decided to call a list of parishioners who have not responded. After that is completed, a final plan will be established, hopefully by July.

V. New Business

- a. End of Life Financial Seminar
Greg Gall would like to do a presentation in Gilman about end-of-life financial planning. The council agreed that it could be hosted in the church basement. Look for it to be scheduled around April 2023
- b. New Vestments. The newest vestment that is worn is the green one from when Father Ray was in Gilman. Visiting priests have expressed how worn they are. Father Matthew has agreed that the vestments could use some updating. Kathy mentioned the Christian Women contacted her and would be donating \$200 towards new vestments. Brain mentioned that the Knights would more than likely be donating as well. Each vestment costs about \$1000. There will need to be 4 purchased. Samantha will place an announcement in the bulletin asking for donations if anyone would like to donate towards them. Sam L made a motion to have father proceed with purchasing new vestments for PP. The vestments will stay in the parish. A second to the motion was made by Mary Kay. Motion carried.
- c. Basement rental. Father mentioned that there have been inquires about hosting small wedding receptions in the church basement. After council discussion, a set fee of \$500 per wedding reception would be a fair rental price.

- d. Bulletin Board. With the repair and painting of the exterior doors it is requested that there is no taping of any announcements to the doors. It was decided that a tripod or weighted sign holders would be made available for those that would like to use them. They will be stored in the closet in the stairway going up to the choir or down to the basement on the church level. It will be the responsibility of the person who wishes to use them to put them out and put them away.
- e. Fish Fry. Friday March 3 and 31. If you're able to help, please come if you're able. Baking of bread starts about 2PM that afternoon. The menu and who is doing what was discussed. Serving from 4PM-6:30PM.
- f. Kevin said that the parish cemetery is on its last concrete ribbon. There will need to be a few added this year.

VI. Reports

- a. Financial Committee: Not meeting.
- b. Building Committee: No update
- c. Christian Women: see above regarding Vestments
- d. Knights of Columbus: Recently hosted their pork chop bingo. Looking for new active members.
- e. Parish Nurse: No Update
- f. St. Johns Area School: Raffle tickets are currently being sold. They just had their soup fest.
- g. Faith Formation: No update
- h. Welcoming Committee: No update
- i. Fundraising Committee: No update

VII. Concerns or comments from Parishioners

- a. Samantha Ratka asked for the website to be looked at for ease of use. Sacraments, Cemetery information, contact information etc. could be clearer for families who may not be members and need to find the information. Brian Lorenz said he would look at it because there was a changeover of websites and maybe some things are no longer present on our website. Father Matthew said he would help Brian look at it and update it as necessary.
- b. Baccalaureate Mass will be Sunday May 21, 2023 at 10AM. It will be in Brennyville this year as it is on a rotation with the tri-parish. Kathy Lewandowski has previously volunteered to help organize the mass portion. Such as ordering flowers and introducing the graduates.

VIII. Next meeting will be Thursday May 11, 2023 at 6:30PM

IX. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Danny. A second by Kathy. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Ratka 2/18/2023