

SS. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes from Thursday May 10, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM by Vice President Sam Lieser
- II. Opening prayer was led by Father Matthew.
- III. Secretary's Report
 - a. Roll Call: Council members present: Sam, Brian, Kathy, Kendra, Mary Kay, Samantha, Jesse, Jeff
Trustee: Paul and Wally
Employee: Kevin, Rhonda
Father Matthew
Parishioners: Carl Chapp
Absent: Dan
 - b. Approval of Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Financial Report by: Kathy and a second by: Kendra. Motion carried.
 - c. Approval of Previous Minutes: A motion was made to accept the previous meeting minutes by Kendra and a second by Kathy
 - d. Approval of Agenda: Father Matthew added Renovation to confessional to new business. A motion to approved the agenda with the addition was made by Kendra. A second by Jesse. Motion carried
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Catholic United Financial will host an End-of-Life workshop on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:30PM in the basement of Sts. Peter and Paul
 - b. Father found vestments and they are about \$1,000 each. They will be ordered soon.
 - c. Fish Fry went well. More help is needed.
 - d. Concrete Ribbons-Kevin is working to get these completed this year.
 - e. Senior Student Elizabeth Lorenz wrote the council a letter. The letter was read to the council. The council agreed to have 2 senior students join, and would accept letters at the next meeting if anyone else wanted to join. A motion was made by Kathy to accept Elizabeth Lorenz as a senior student member on the council. A second was made by Mary Kay. Motion carried.
- V. New Business
 - a. Events for 2023 needing permits. Sam L will follow up with Catholic Financial regarding quilt, turkey bingo. The cash raffle will take place in the fall.
 - b. Cemetery concerns from Carl Chapp: Carl did clean up of all plastic flowers. He would like an annual clean up date set. It was agreed to be the first weekend in May. Typically, will be the first Saturday morning in May. Military stones are sinking. Carl and Kevin discussed how to fix those and will work through those. Carl would like a small storage shed to store the rakes, shovels and it could also hold the garbage cans. Stump Removal, Kevin will have help once the crops are all in from local farmers. Metal ornaments and plastic flowers will be picked up and discarded if falling apart. A brochure will be created to give to families or when plots are purchased explaining the

clean up and items will be thrown the first Saturday of May if not picked up by the family.

- c. Confessional renovation: Father would like it remodeled to have the option of face-to-face confession, more light, make it more inviting and also to have space for a chair as some are not able to kneel in the confessional. Paul, Jim and others will look at options and have a plan for a fall project.
- d. Website update is coming. Look for it soon. A calendar will be available as well to see events and add the events to your own personal calendar.

VI. Reports

- a. Financial Committee: The committee needs to meet in the next month. A budget is needed. Council members asked for the weekly goal to be published in the bulletin.
- b. Building Committee: They met May 10. Terry P. who fixed the steeples suggested to finish waterproofing the towers. They are currently only water proofed to the middle. Waterproofing from the middle to the rest of the way down. There is some waterproofing that needs to be done on the side with the driveway to the front steps of the church. The window seals are failing, a steel company could wrap them. The back wall of decorative brick needs tuck pointing.
Wayne Starry met with Kevin to get the 3 ceiling fans fixed. Starry will create a bid to complete it.
- c. Christian Women: No Updates
- d. Knights of Columbus: Raffle tickets are available for their Gilman Days drawing. They recently did ditch cleaning and participated in the mass of Crowning of Mary.
- e. Parish Nurse: No Update
- f. St. Johns Area School: No Update
- g. Faith Formation: Rhonda was present and gave an update at the beginning of the meeting. 139 total students attended faith formation this year. 89 of those students were from Sts. Peter and Paul. Confirmation has 18 students this year. 13 of those were from Sts. Peter and Paul. Confirmation was held at St. Johns in Foley this year and it didn't go as well as it could have. Too small of space for the number of students that were attending with their family. Rhonda will fill out the survey with the diocese like every other year, to express the concerns of the space for as many students there were. First communion has 22 students, 13 were from Sts. Peter and Paul. Concerns expressed from Rhonda and Mary Kay about the absolute need for a facility to host classes for all of these students. Family dinners are provided on the evening's classes are held and average 90-120 served each night. Speakers are brought in to educate the parents as well as the students. The attendance is very poor. Looking for ideas about how to get the parents more engaged. The speakers are open to all parishioners and will be better advertised next year.
- h. Welcoming Committee: No update
- i. Fundraising Committee: Kevin brought up the idea of a burger basket drive through in the parking lot during the summer months. The council decided it was worth a try. First one will be by June 9, 2023. Serving 4-6:30 or until food is gone. Hamburger baskets will be \$10, hotdog baskets will be \$5.

- VII. Concerns or comments from Parishioners
 - a. Samantha Ratka was asked by parishioners if Father could arrive about 30 mins before a funeral or other service taking place. It is too hard for an organist or usher to give directions to visiting persons and then 10 mins before Father arrives and changes things. It causes too much confusion.
- VIII. Next meeting will be Thursday August 17, 2023 at 6:30PM
- IX. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kendra. A second by Kathy. Motion carried.
- X. Closing Prayer: Father Matthew led the group in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Ratka 5/22/2023