

SS. Peter and Paul Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes from Thursday August 17, 2023

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:32 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, Kendra, Mary Kay, Samantha, Jesse, Jeff, Dan, Student member: Elizabeth Lorenz
Trustee: Paul and Wally
Employee: Kevin, Rhonda
Father Matthew
Parishioners: Rob Stay, Chad Barthelemy
Absent: Kathy
 - b. Approval of Financial Report: A motion was made to accept the Financial Report by: Sam 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 Jesse. Motion carried.
 - d. Approval of Agenda: Wally added basement entry ceiling. A motion to approved the agenda with the addition was made by Kendra. A second by Sam Motion carried
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Father found vestments and they were ordered. The arrival time should be about a month. Father has received about \$2,000 in donations and another \$2,000 is still needed. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin for 2 weeks asking for donations towards the new vestments.
- V. New Business
 - a. National eucharistic Procession: Rob Stay was present to describe this event, happening in May of 2024. Rob is a part of the committee with the St. Cloud Diocese. It is a pilgrimage of the eucharist, bringing awareness to the living bread. There are 4 starting points in the United States, MN, TX, CA and CT. Opening ceremony will take place in Bemidji and will travel through Minnesota. 4 Pope-mobiles will be escorting the living bread and all 4 will meet up in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Conference. May 22 will be an all-night adoration at Sts. Peter and Paul. The day of May 23 is still in planning process, with an all-night adoration at the Cathedral on May 23. May 24 will be a 16 mile walk from the Cathedral to Clear Lake to hand it off to the Arch Diocese. Rob will keep the council aware of what is needed from Sts. Peter and Paul as far as hosting the escorts, meals or anything else that may be needed. It is still in the planning stages.
 - b. Golf Tournament: Rob Stay is planning a golf tournament for Sunday September 17, 2023. He will add an announcement to the bulletin with more details.
 - c. Aluminum Can drive will be held in the Sts. Peter and Pauls Parking lot on September 8, 2023
 - d. Burger Basket at the Creamery Appreciation event on September 30. Kevin talked with the Creamery about doing the burger basket at the Creamery for their customer

appreciation even. The council was in agreement to do the burger event. It is from 11:00-3:00. Possible to have shifts for workers.

- e. New table and chairs for church basement: The current tables are starting become damaged. If there are donations, it could be put towards lighter tables in the future.
- f. Rental Charges: Kevin said people pay the office for renting of tables and chairs.
- g. Choie Schedules: If a specific group wants to have a specific date for a special event, it will need to be planned with the choir director and must be on the schedule. Schedules are put out a year in advance and anyone wishing to be on that schedule will need to talk with Ryan Brunn or Mary Spiczka. Father felt the situation has been resolved and no letter from the council needs to be spent at this time.
- h. Parish Center: Finance committee finally met. Fatheter is asking about possible 2 phases. Maybe Phase 1 could be building a hallway with offices/conference room, with a gathering space/kitchen as Phase 2. Questions raised if we can maintain it. Samantha offered that there should be a focus group again to manage this. The council only meets every 3 months. Chad mentioned that Hal and Katie should be apart of this. They agreed to help us through it and were paid money to do so. Chad agreed to contact the previous focus group and publish a bulleting announcement to get that going and to have some answers by the next council meeting.
- i. Turkey Bingo will be the Sunday before Thanksgiving. November 19, 2023. The Vikings play at 7:20PM that evening. Discussion was to maybe have Bingo earlier. Sam Lieser will check into it.
- j. Calendar Raffle. Council will be October 26 at 6:30PM to stuff envelopes.

VI. Reports

- a. Financial Committee: They finally met after several years of not meeting. They will be working on a budget.
- b. Building Committee: Basement doors need to be fixed and repaired. (the doors between the stairs and gathering space) Wally will work on those. Ceiling, needs to seal the bottom side before it gets cold. Wally is checking into spray foam and to insulate the wall. Wally suggested building a wall to wall off the third stair case and making that extra storage space for Kevins items.
Tuck points and drip edging needs to be done on the Northeast Side. Estimate of \$14k. Paul will manage the arrangements of getting on the schedule to get it done.
- c. Christian Women: No Updates
- d. Knights of Columbus: They had successful lunch stands during Gilman Days
- e. Parish Nurse: No Update
- f. St. Johns Area School: August 31, 2023 3:30-6 is open house. A new principal was hired.
- g. Faith Formation: Rhonda was present to give an update. First family night is October 4. Needing to empower and encourage parents for the future of the church.
Books were ordered to be handed out at Christmas time about the eucharist. A book study will be started. The Diocese set the date for confirmation, waiting for that information and then a first communion date will be set.
- h. Welcoming Committee: No update
- i. Fundraising Committee: No update

- VII. Concerns or comments from Parishioners
 - a. The lack of hot water in the women's restroom in the church basement is an issue. It trickles out. Kevin said he will look into it and fix it.

- VIII. Next meeting will be Tuesday November 9, 2026 at 6:30PM

- IX. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan. A second by Mary Kay Motion carried.

- X. Closing Prayer: Father Matthew led the group in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Ratka 9/4/2023