

## Parish Council Minutes – 20 January 2024

**Attendance:** Fr. Eickhoff, Fr. Johnson, Mike Weiss, Mary Egler, Barb Chall (via phone), Travis Haberman, Chris Lautenschlager, Bob Sullivan, Steve Sladky

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Eickhoff

The minutes for the 10 December meeting were reviewed. Bob Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Egler seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

### **Pastor's Updates:**

- we are monitoring the 4:30pm Vigil Mass attendance for future consideration on the Mass time after the trial period ends when daylight savings time starts.
- we are training new acolytes with the installation Mass to be celebrated on 10 February. Travis Toline, Justin Zysset, and Pat Nagle are the new acolyte candidates. There are no new lector candidates at this time.
- Scott Watts and Pat Burke are assisting with the weekly prison visits. The prison visits are going well and are well attended.

### **Pastor's Financial Report:**

- council members were provided with profit and loss statements for July-December 2023 with comparison to July-December 2022 for review and discussion.
- council members were provided with the parish balance sheet through 31 December 2023 for review and discussion.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Stewardship Council** – the January meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm.

- the Community Committee is continuing to contact parishioners in the 10 neighborhoods created within the parish geographical area.
- the connection card drive is tentatively scheduled for 10-11 February.
- there was a great response to the December giving trees.

### **Building, Maintenance & Safety –**

**Handicap entrance** – repairs are delayed due to the weather. There is a donor who wants to contribute \$20,000-\$25,000 to be used on the repair expenses.

**Plaster repairs** – Bob Sullivan will contact Pat Vasa and continue to coordinate the plaster repairs needed.

**Choir loft squeaks and carpet install** – Bob Sullivan will coordinate the squeak repairs and carpet install with Pat Vasa.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Street status** – Fr. Eickhoff contacted Kevin Hittle who contacted Melissa Harrell concerning the paperwork status for the city to vacate 2<sup>nd</sup> street to the church. We are waiting for a response from the city. Bob Sullivan suggested having Kevin Stuhr also contact Melissa Harrell for an update on the status of the paperwork.

**Education** – the next St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Advisory Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, 28 February 2024. The next Neumann High School Advisory Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, 17 April 2024.

**Finance** – no additional reports.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**School Update** – the plan is to build the Grotto to the Blessed Mother over the summer.

-the letters of intent from the teachers were due on 19 January. All of the teachers will be returning for the next school year.

-the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers want to start a student council program to help develop leadership skills.

-the kindergarten and Pre-K roundup sessions are scheduled in early February.

**Men's Ministry** – Mark Houck will speak at the Eagle's Club on 21 February. We are expecting about 100 to attend. We have averaged about 40 attendees at the last three meetings. The speaker for the March event is in work.

**Annual St. Wenceslaus Parishioner meeting feedback** – an email received concerning parish communications was discussed and led to a discussion of FlockNotes implementation in the parish.

**Parish Council elections** – council members reviewed the bio sheet of the candidates. The elections will be held on 27-28 January.

**New ministry and position – Directory of Ministry Programs** – discussion concerning how the FOCUS program could assist the position to succeed with the FOCUS process already established led to discussion of the responsibilities and job description of the position.

**Parish Council By-Laws** – Travis Haberman will forward the reviewed by-laws to Bob Sullivan.

**Saturday Vigil Mass** – we will continue to monitor Mass time feedback and Mass attendance.

**Healing Mass** – the Healing Mass has been put on hold.

**Parish engagement with FlockNotes** – council members discussed having Gene Coleman meet with Peg Bouc to review FlockNotes efficiencies and procedures.

**40 Hour Devotion and Parish Mission** – council members discussed a future date to hold the Friday to Sunday 40 Hour Devotion with evening talks by a priest from outside of the parish. Fr. Bill Casey will be considered at the future date to present the talks. The book "How to make a Holy Hour" will be given to parishioners for Lent.

**Bosak's talk to men in the parish on Fatherhood and Daughters** – Bob Sullivan will contact the Bosak's to be the March Men's Ministry speakers.

**Music Ministry and hymnals** – council members discussed hymnal options to replace the OCP music issue subscription.

**Parish library status** – the parish library is organized and ready for use in the church basement.

**Church cleaning – waiting to start until after post Mass adoration** – Fr. Eickhoff talked to the cleaning group leaders to wait to start the church cleaning until after post Mass adoration.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Next phase of remodeling the church** – council members discussed the future needs of church updates which included – choir loft floor squeaks and carpet install -sanctuary furniture for which there is a donor -church pews replacement or refurbishment and church flooring

-repositioning of the church speakers and pulpit placement to install a permanent microphone at the pulpit -baptismal font

**Parish Council election candidates** – Trent Smith, Sara Fritsch, Dianne Turman, Joann Couton, Paul Polacek, Mary Beth Himmelberg, and Tobin Spangler

**Posting of church bulletin and parish council minutes** – council members discussed the timeliness of the posting of the parish bulletin and the parish council meeting minutes on the parish website.

**Next Meeting: 17 February 2024 at 6:30am**

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Eickhoff

Respectfully submitted,  
*Steve Sladky*