

Parish Council Minutes – 14 October 2023

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

Opening Prayer: Fr. Eickhoff

The minutes for the 16 September meeting were reviewed. A correction was made under the Pastor's Updates to change the last sentence to "Pat Burke and Scott Watts have inquired about participating in the prison ministry." Bob Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Barb Chall seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with the correction.

Pastor's Updates:

- provided the financial report from the Fall Festival to council members. Council members discussed donations from businesses and how to consolidate the requests for future events.
- the Bishop was here for the altar dedication and also blessed the statues on the high altar.
- started the faith history class (RCIA) on Thursdays. Currently have approximately 11 students; 4 students are looking to join the church and 1 student has been baptized but has not been confirmed.
- have been visiting the St. Wenceslaus Catholic School classrooms and teaching the students the music to the Kyrie.
- CCD classes are going well.

Pastor's Financial Report:

- council members reviewed the church account balances.
- want to pay the remaining balance on the Diocesan loan by the end of the year.
- all the bills and assessments due to Neumann High School and the Diocese are up to date.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Council – Scott Watts is scheduled to speak on Wednesday, 6 December. (scheduled date changed to 12 December at a meeting after the parish council meeting)

- parish cups and mugs were sold at the Fall Festival.
- we plan to have an Advent tree for the nursing home residents. Also want to have an Advent tree for kids in need.
- the connection cards status was discussed. The information is also being used for the creation of the neighborhood mapping in the parish.

Building, Maintenance & Safety – maintenance review team – conducted a walk-through of the parish campus and facilities. A list was created of items that need correcting and a list was created of items to watch. The choir loft flooring is structurally sound. Plan to make some minor repairs to take care of the squeaks, then will install the carpet.

Handicap entrance – the handicap door was checked and seems to be working. Plan to contact Terry Bullock to repair the sidewalk at the handicap ramp. John and Ron Vasa will be contacted to look at some of the plaster repairs needed.

2nd Street status – Fr. Eickhoff and Mike Weiss met with Kevin Hittle and Melissa Harrell concerning the status of the transfer of 2nd street to the church campus. Kevin Hittle proposed a design for the west exit on 2nd street. The design will be reviewed by the City

of Wahoo engineers. The city has underground water main work by the civic center on 3rd street scheduled in the spring that may extend down to 2nd street. Council members discussed the temporary bollards used to close the east end of 2nd street.

Education – the second member on the Neumann High School Advisory Board from St. Wenceslaus Parish is Dan Hoss. The next St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Advisory Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, 25 October 2023. The next Neumann High School Advisory Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, 15 November 2023.

Finance – no additional reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

School Update – a Trane HVAC representative looked at the school addition kitchen HVAC unit that has been having issues. The Benes Heating and Air technician will be contacted by the Trane HVAC representative to discuss the addition kitchen HVAC unit.

Men's Ministry – the October event will be held at The Pub at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 18 October, for a zoom presentation by Matthew James Christoff.

Town Hall meetings follow-up – the parish meeting has been set for Sunday, 10 December, at 6:30pm. Council members discussed possible agenda items which included: a parish financial update, the Vigil Mass time change, the ways working to improve communications, how to engage parishioners, and discussion on a Healing Mass. Council members also discussed the name of the meeting such as “Annual St. Wenceslaus Parish meeting.”

Parish Council elections – council members discussed possible candidates.

New ministry and position – Directory of Ministry Programs – Fr. Eickhoff has talked to Fr. Kitter concerning involvement of the parish pastor with FOCUS. Council members discussed the job description and job requirements of the position. Also discussed were other parishes that have similar positions to talk to about the position requirements. The hiring committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, 16 October.

There is a FlockNotes webinar scheduled on Wednesday, 18 October.

Parish Council By-Laws – by-laws review is in progress.

40 Hour Devotion and Parish Mission – the 40 Hour Devotion is scheduled on 1-3 December 2023 with the start of Advent.

Communion rail – during classroom visits have been talking to the St. Wenceslaus Catholic School students to pass on the use of the communion rail to their families. Plan to discuss the use of the communion rail with parishioners in the near future.

Bosak's offering to talk to men in the parish on Fatherhood and Daughters – need to talk to the Bosak's. Suggestion was made to add to the Men's Ministry schedule.

Healing Mass – we will need to prepare the parish prior to the celebration of a Healing Mass. Plan to discuss a Healing Mass at the Annual St. Wenceslaus Parish meeting. Council members discussed options for Lent.

NEW BUSINESS: no new business

Next Meeting: 11 November 2023 at 6:30am

Closing Prayer: Fr. Eickhoff

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Sladky