

Parish Council Minutes – 13 May 2023

Attendance: Fr. Eickhoff, Fr. Jirovsky, Mike Weiss, Barb Chall, Mary Egler, Travis Haberman, Chris Lautenschlager, Bob Sullivan, Steve Sladky

Opening Prayer: Fr. Eickhoff

The minutes for the 15 April meeting were reviewed. The dates for the assistant pastor's send-off gathering and the new assistant pastor's welcome gathering needed to be changed. The dates for the send-off gathering for Fr. Schwenka are 17-18 June. The dates for the welcome gathering for Fr. Johnson are 24-25 June. Bob Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes with the date changes. Chris Lautenschlager seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with the changes.

Pastor's Updates:

- the Stewardship Council is hosting a parish fair on 3-4 June. Representatives from the parish ministries and organizations will be available during coffee and rolls to answer questions about their organizations and to sign up parishioners who are interested in participating.
- along with the USCCB's National Eucharistic Revival Campaign, St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church will have a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament on 11 June, the Feast of Corpus Christi. The procession will start at 1:30pm on Sunday afternoon along the street west of the church. There will be three altars set up west of the church, the rectory and the white house garage where the procession will stop for benediction and prayers. At 3:00pm, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited in the church.
- 17-18 June will be Fr. Schwenka's send-off gathering.
- 24-25 June was scheduled to be Fr. Johnson's welcome gathering. The welcome gathering has been moved to 8-9 July with coffee and rolls. The Knights of Columbus will also be making pancakes on Sunday morning.
- council members discussed the setup of the church basement for social events and a place to create a parish library and history setting.
- have started to schedule three acolytes on the list to go out with Holy Communion on Sundays.
- the HVAC units inside the church have been replaced. The outside HVAC unit still needs to be installed.

Pastor's Financial Report:

- meeting with the finance committee to review current tithing on 15 May.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship/Evangelization – the Stewardship committee is now the Stewardship Council with subcommittees under the council.

- Scott Watts has been invited to speak again on 13 August.
- the 1st Saturday with Mary on 3 June will be the last gathering due to declining attendance.
- the Communication subcommittee meeting will be scheduled in the near future.
- the parish mapping and community building is progressing. They are currently in the process of setting up ten neighborhood zones within the parish.
- the Welcoming subcommittee made a visit to a new parishioner.

Building, Maintenance & Safety – white house HVAC unit – had Fud & Tracy's come out to check the HVAC unit on the white house. The HVAC unit is out dated. Suggestion was made to get a quote for a replacement HVAC unit.

-Women's basement bathroom – the repairs to the bathroom continue.

-Church bell – an application to the First Catholic Slavic Ladies Association has been submitted for a donation to help pay for the church bell repair costs.

-Parking lot crack repairs – council members reviewed the estimate provided for parking lot repairs. The estimate to repair the cracks in the asphalt is about \$6,000. The estimate to complete the repairs on all of the church campus is about \$19,000. Council members discussed future repairs and traffic flow changes for the church campus.

-Choir loft and choir stairs carpet – Bob Sullivan reached out to Tom and Terry Dailey to be on a maintenance review team for the parish.

Education – the next St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Advisory Board meeting is scheduled on Monday, 28 August 2023. The next Neumann High School Advisory Board meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, 21 June 2023.

Finance – the next finance committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, 15 May.

OLD BUSINESS:

School Update – the gym walls are being painted. Expect the painting to be completed in two weeks. Most of the cost has been paid with a \$14,000 donation from Cavalry Sports. New padding on the walls at the end of the court will also be installed. The total cost for the new padding and the new paint is \$18,000. The \$4,000 over the over the donation from Cavalry Sports will come from the funds St. Wenceslaus Catholic School received from GALA.

-new lights are being installed on the top floor of the school. The \$13,000 cost is coming out of the funds St. Wenceslaus Catholic School received from GALA.

-this year St. Wenceslaus Catholic School will receive between \$45,000 and \$50,000 from GALA proceeds.

Saturday Mass times – council members discussed possible changes to the Vigil Mass times and the process to get inputs from parishioners, especially those parishioners who attend the Vigil Mass. A suggestion was made to start a study to survey those who attend the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. Council members discussed times for weddings on Saturday. Also discussed was the time to schedule Confessions if the Mass time is changed. The plan is to create a survey for all parishioners to take and to advertise it in the bulletin. The survey will be open for about three weeks.

St. Michael's hymnal – council members discussed the possibility of changes to the hymnals and timelines with the current hymnal subscriptions.

NEW BUSINESS:

New trees – there is a possible donor who will donate ten trees to plant around the church campus.

Parish Council Retreat Day – the Parish Council Retreat Day is rescheduled for Wednesday, 7 June, from 5:30pm-9:00pm in the church basement. The items on the agenda include review of the Parish Council elections, review of the Parish Council By-Laws, review of the Communication and Promotion position, and a review of the parish mission statement.

New ministry proposed - Communications and Promotion – this potential position will be discussed at the Parish Council Retreat Day. Part of the position job description would be the use of FlockNotes to communicate with the parish.

Next Meeting: 17 June 2023 at 6:30am

Closing Prayer: Fr. Eickhoff

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Sladky