

Parish Council Minutes – 8 July 2023

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

Opening Prayer: Fr. Eickhoff

The minutes for the 17 June meeting were reviewed. Barb Chall made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary Egler seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

Pastor's Updates:

- our new assistant, Fr. Johnson, has arrived and moved in to the rectory. Have been taking him around to the nursing homes and 1st Friday homebound visits. He was involved with the Totus Tuus program while the teams were here.
- we have scheduled the church bell repairs for 18-19 July.
- met with the Bishop. We are on his schedule for 24 September for the blessing of the new altars. The money for the free standing altar has been donated.
- the tree in front of the rectory on the south side has been removed.
- donors have provided for 10 trees for the church and school campus. The trees will be 7'-9' trees to plant around the church and school campus.
- new flooring has been installed in the white house garage. This space will be the new parish office spaces which will provide a zero step entry to the parish office.

Pastor's Financial Report:

- the parish fiscal year ended on 30 June.
- we borrowed \$100,000 from the Friends of St. Wenceslaus account for parish operations.
- we have received good weekly collections of \$10,000 to \$13,000.
- all our bills to Neumann High School and to the Diocese were paid prior to 30 June.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Council – the next Stewardship Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, 10 July.

- the welcoming committee has welcomed two families to the parish.

Building, Maintenance & Safety – women's basement bathroom – some additional electrical work is needed in the bathroom. The bathroom should be ready for use this weekend. Council members discussed the items that have been sold and removed from the church basement. The plan is to store the extra tables and chairs out of the way when they are not in use.

-Church bell – the church bell repairs have been scheduled for 18-19 July.

-Choir loft and choir stairs carpet – want to talk with Tom and Terry Dailey before the install of the new carpet.

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, 20 September 2023.

Finance – no additional reports

OLD BUSINESS:

School Update – council members discussed new signs for the church and school campus traffic flow and the removal of the 2nd street barricade on the west end.

-the contractor is scheduled to seal the cracks in the new asphalt from 31 July to 4 August.

-summer renovations are in work in the school – the upper floor lighting is being updated.

The lower floor lighting will be updated next summer. The gym has been painted. The gym floor will be refinished in the near future.

-the summer child care program is going well.

Men's Ministry – the Men's Day of Reflection is scheduled for Saturday, 19 August. The day will offer Adoration, Confessions, and talks for reflection after beginning with the 8:00am Saturday Mass.

Town Hall meetings follow-up – the tentative date is Sunday, 22 October.

Parish Council elections – planned for January 2024. Council members discussed possible candidates.

Saturday Vigil Mass times – the results of the survey will be forwarded to council members. The results of the surveys returned were briefly reviewed. Council members discussed the plan to share the results of the survey with parishioners on a 1 page bulletin insert. Council members discussed the plan to test a possible Vigil Mass time change. If a test run time change is conducted, we will start the new schedule in August when school starts.

New ministry and position – Directory of Ministry Programs – Chris Lautenschlager met with AJ Garcia, a FOCUS representative, to discuss the parish pilot program for St. Wenceslaus parish. Fr. Eickhoff reached out to Fr. Jim Keiter to set up a meeting to discuss the FOCUS parish priest accompaniment program.

Parish Council By-Laws – will plan to review the By-Laws as the first item at the next parish council meeting.

40 Hour Devotion – council members discussed possibly scheduling the 40 Hour Devotion in the fall or for Advent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Neumann High School Advisory Board – requesting one additional representative for the board – council members discussed the process to select one additional representative for the Neumann High School Advisory Board. Council members reviewed the current Advisory Board membership from neighboring parishes.

Scott Watts presentation – council members discussed the scheduled talk by Scott Watts on Sunday, 13 August. We may want to reschedule the presentation date due to the Matt Maher Concert at the Good Council Retreat Center on 13 August.

Next Meeting: 12 August 2023 at 6:30am

Closing Prayer: Fr. Eickhoff

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Sladky