

St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting
Oct. 5, 2022 @ 6:00 PM – Ossenbrink Center

Attendance:

Present: Father Dan Dorau, Deacon Mike Linnenbrink, Bruce Wellman, Larry Fedler, Nic Chiri, Sydni Foecke, Deb Fullenkamp, Luke Boylan

Absent: Wendy Fraise

Guest: Marvin Menke, Rebecca Hannum

Opening Prayer: Bob led us in opening prayer.

Consent Agenda Approval

1. Approval of Agenda – Bruce motioned and Nic seconded
2. Approval of Sept Minutes – Nic motioned and Bruce seconded

Reports & Updates:

1. Religious Education Report (written) – How do our numbers for RE look compared to last year?
2. Family Ministry (Update) – Cortney started Oct. 1, recruiting for a teen weekend retreat for mid-November
3. Maintenance Report (written) – Needs to still make arrangements for the broken tile. Father mentioned the plastic nobs above the stove are broken. The boiler in the basement of the old school needs to be checked on regularly – School maintenance people should put this on their list of things to check. Nic, Luke, and Bruce are meeting before November meeting about painting the church.
4. School Board Report (written) – no concerns
5. Finance Committee – Copier: put in for next year's budget, give the finance council input on budget, the process starts in April so need input by February. Next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 15th.

Old Business:

1. Parish Council Ministry (Two left; Liturgy, Church Life) – Wendy is not going to be on parish council any longer. Nic will reach out to someone who may be interested and let Father know either way.
2. Mission Statement – 6th grade students will have their mission statement to Parish Council at November meeting.
3. Office Building – Finalized layout and materials that will be used. At this point we need to open it up to the parish and get their input and suggestions. Regarding Dennis's idea from September meeting, Father suggested that we come up with a letter together as a parish council and sign it together. We will work on this letter next time.
4. Upon this Rock Campaign – 96.7% pledged
5. Music Director – Emily Otte is our new music director.

New Business:

1. ADA – Annual Diocesan Appeal - Figure this year \$23,573, up almost \$3,000 this year. 14.96% for every parish in the Diocese.
2. Stewardship – The Bishop wants all parishes to be a stewardship parish, stewardship embraces all 6 ministries of the church. Father would like the parish council to complete a stewardship checklist and bring back next meeting – you don't need to put your name on it.
3. Knights of Columbus – Marvin Menke came to discuss K of C. West Point's membership is down. Why are we stumbling here in West Point when it comes to the Knights of Columbus? Marvin is asking for help – he needs the assistance from a pastor or deacon to talk about the Knights of Columbus. 77 current roster members.
4. Second collection – Rebecca will send the list out to the parish council, and it will be on the November agenda. Father suggested putting something in the bulletin for parishioners to add ideas for second collection.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00 in the Ossenbrink Center. Opening prayer next time – Sydney

Closing Prayer: Father Dan led us in closing prayer