

**St. Mary's Parish Council Meeting**  
**September 15, 2022 @ 6:00PM – Ossenbrink Center**

**Attendance -**

**Present:** Father Dan Dorau, Nic Chiri, Deb Fullenkamp, Bruce Wellman, Sydni Foecke, Luke Boylan, Bob Schierbrock

**Absent:** Wendy Fraise

**Guests:** Rebecca Hannum, Matthew Garmoe, Dan Steffensmeier, Dennis Menke

**Opening Prayer:** Father Dan started us with prayer.

**Consent Agenda Approval**

1. Approval of agenda – A motion to approve September agenda by Father Dan and seconded by Bruce Wellman
2. Approval of August minutes – A motion to approve by Luke Boylan and seconded by Nic Chiri

**Reports & Updates**

1. Director of Religious Education Report – written – Question about homebound – there's a group of people who go to the care center, would Dixie like some of this group to help her with that?
2. Maintenance Report (Stove, Rectory) – written – Bob and Nic are going to do their walk through before the next meeting. Father Dan said we did get a packet from Catholic Mutual to do a walk through. Rebecca and Bob did a walk-through last week. Rebecca is in the process of submitting the paperwork.
3. School Board Report – Dan Steffensmeier gave us his report. TAPS needs more members.
4. Finance – Upon this Rock: we are at 96% of total pledges. The parish corporate board meeting was this past Sunday. The Finance Committee will meet next month.

**Old Business**

1. Parish Council – Luke has chosen to focus on Faith Formation. Liturgy and Church Life are still open. Wendy was absent today so will need to choose her area of focus next time. In the future we, as a parish council, need to look at what our focus is currently.
2. A&R – St. Mary's currently does not have one and Father Dan is not ready to start pushing for one yet but will look into this in the future.
3. Bulletin
4. Mission Statement – Nic shared a mission statement he created. He will email it to the Parish Council so we can think about it. Father Dan mentioned creating 3 or 4 mission statements and putting it in the bulletin for parishioners to decide on one.

## **New Business**

1. Sweet Corn Festival & Fall Festival – Matthew Garmoe gave us a report on the St. Mary's tent at Sweet Corn Festival. Only 55% of workers showed up for their shift. The Gator Raffle – early sales of 6 for the price of 5 tickets went over great. The Fall Festival is looking to the future on how to continue making this a success. They will be meeting Oct. 24 to think about ideas for the future. They need help with manpower, kitchen help, managers, tracking stats on workforce, financial numbers. If you have any ideas or questions, please contact Matthew Garmoe.
2. Parish Office – Dennis Menke came to discuss the new parish office. There was an engineering meeting, and they are close to being done. Upon this Rock campaign – 20% can come back to St. Mary's, but we must wait until the Upon this Rock campaign is done. However, we would like to move this forward. Dennis would like to go to the Priest group and ask for an exemption – if we get our 100% goal, can we run our own campaign? Dennis has asked the parish council members and finance council members to write a letter to the priest association explaining why we need a new parish office. So far, we have had \$1M donated and we need another \$1.5M raised for the new parish office. The new building will consist of parish staff offices, classroom space for religious education and adult education, a larger space for Youth Group/Ministry, and a lower level for storage and festival things. The plan is for the entry level to be on Ave C. The new building will be ADA accessible and have electronic ability, unlike our current building.
3. Youth and Family – The new Youth and Family director, Cortney Boylan, will be starting on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Father Dan brought up the idea of a rotation of adult events (once a month) between the 4 parishes. This way each parish only plans 3 adult events for the year.

**Next meeting – October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Ossenbrink Center.** Bob will lead us in prayer.

**Closing Prayer:** Father Dan led us in prayer.