St. Patrick's Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, May 30, 2023 6:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

## **Opening Prayer**

Accept previous meeting minutes: Motion by Mike, seconded by Bill to accept the Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2023. Carried.

- 1. Pastor's Report
  - a. **Deposit Safe:** Fr. provided a preferred safe that he would like to purchase for \$159.

**ACTION:** Discussion in agreement with the purchase and to have safe then mounted in the Sacristy at a location to

b. Eucharistic Revival "This Is My Body" book by Bishop Barron.

**ACTION:** Discussion of interest for providing to each parish family. Debi will order 100 books for St. Patrick's to be handed out at Christmas.

c. Fr. was contacted by Fr. Tim Berron of St. Charles/Alba Parish. The Parish will be removing their High Altar soon and wondered if St. Patrick's was interested.

**ACTION:** Fr. Matt will go in July to look at and measure/take pictures.

- **Follow-up:** The High Altar went to another Parish who were able to look at and schedule the removal quickly.
- d. Fr. wanted to say his thanks for the success of both the Youth Brat Sales and the Spring Fling!
- 2. Parish Finances
  - a. Weekly Deposits: Discussion on whether weekly counters would be able to make the deposit following their count for the week? Fr. Matt suggested we revisit this question when Fr. Vogel arrives, however, he will sek a response from the Diocese in the meantime.

Karen K. will make the deposit for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays

b. Presentation of Financial Reports: Debi

**Motion to accept:** Motion by Bill and seconded by Mike to accept the Financial Reports as presented. Carried.

**Motion:** Motion by Mike and seconded by Karen to move any amount above the previously agreed amount to AmeriPrise Permanent Care Fund..

**Update:** Reviewed previous meeting minutes and found that on May 11, 2021 was the only reference of balances to the account:

Cemetery investment - last month interest was \$129.74, which was sent to Parish. Will continue to receive monthly interest income. When the amount in the cemetery balance reaches \$3,500 will begin to leave the interest amounts in the account, will revisit in Fall.

c. Debi was informed by Bernie McCormick – McCormick Funeral Home – that funeral expenses will now include a \$150 funeral donation to the Parish.

**ACTION:** these funds will be deposited into the Parish checking account.

- 3. Parish Outreach/Environment (Jean)
  - a. CCP Spring Fling: Sunday, April 30, 2023 Report: Revenues: \$13,898.25 \ Expenses: \$2,169.36
  - b. Lenten Soup Supper Report: over 70 community residents participated by soup delivery or at the Hall. 9 delivery volunteers and 3 Hall based volunteers.
  - c. Stations of the Cross Report: 15-20 parishioners participated weekly
  - d. Farewell party for Fr. Matt: June 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm at Saxon Hall: Jean asked Fr. if he would be willing to lead the Bible Trivia at the party -- Yes
- 4. Buildings and Grounds
  - a. Butch's Updates:

Members

Name	Present
Fr. Matt Wagner	Х
Bill Fitzpatrick, Trustee	Х
Karen Kohlmeyer, Cemetery	
Trustee	Х
Jean Meyer, Chair	Х
Mike Moriarty, Trustee	Х
Butch Shuda, Contract	
Maintenance	Х
Debi Shuda, Parish	
Bookkeeper	Х
VACANT	

be determined.

- Cleaning of Hall floor ABC La Crescent has donated a floor cleaning machine to St. Patrick's. Butch will check on the batteries and then report back to the council next meeting on its usage.
- b. Bathroom Sinks -- (Karen) Karen is waiting for a quote by Foellmi Construction and then will have two quotes for review.
- c. Church Front Doors Replace/Repair— work was completed in February, 2023 for Church and Hall. Cost was \$2,395
- d. Fr. Matt: Krause will be on site next week to repair the other copper panel missing from the steeple.
- e. Bill F: The pine trees next to the garage should be looked at in the future on whether to remove due to decaying
- 5. Faith Formation: (Debi)
  - a. First Reconciliation/ First Eucharist report: 2023: 2 students 2024: 0 students
  - b. Confirmation student report: 2024: 4-10<sup>th</sup> graders and 3-9<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Youth Activities: Fundraisers: 2022: raised \$416 from Brat lunch at Farmers Market 2023: raised \$861 in M&M fundraiser, \$939 from Brat lunch at City Gazebo Park. Have now raised enough for 4 students and 2 chaperones to attend Steubenville in July.
  - d. Generations of Faith: Debi will start planning for GOF in July for the 2023/2024 Season.
- 6. Cemetery: (Karen)
  - a. Cemetery Policy: Diocese has policies that are to be used as templates. Will wait for Fr. Vogel to come in July before resuming the policy updates.
  - b. Cemetery Boundaries: Karen has not heard from Diocese Lawyer and Fr. Matt has not either. Karen reported that the adjacent landowner has put up a fence in one area.
  - c. Cemetery fence replacement: Karen will check with Law Firm on this topic and report back at next meeting.
- 7. Other:
  - a. **Signer on Parish Accounts:** Motion by Karen and seconded by Bill that as of July 1, 2023 Fr. Matt Wagner will no longer be a signer on St. Patrick's Parish Checking Accounts. Fr. Andrew Vogel will become, effective July 1, 2023, the signer on St. Patrick's Parish Checking Accounts and will present himself to Merchants Bank to provide the necessary signature authority. Carried, all in favor.
  - b. Jean indicated that at least one new parishioner is needed to serve on the Parish Council. Jean will work with Fr. Vogel when he arrives to discuss options. One option offered was to have ballots during Mass in July and/or August to elect a council member.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Closing Prayer/ Adjourn Motion to adjourn by Mike and seconded by Karen. Carried

Submitted by Jean Meyer