

**Parish Council Minutes for 10/19/22
Held at Parish priest residence**

Present: Fr Paul, Ben Brachle, Cecilia Fick, Tyler Clay, Kim O'Conner, Mike Heeney, Brenda Eschenbrenner, Amy Johnson, John Klinginsmith

Meeting called to order - Ben

Opening Prayer – Pray card from the Pope

Acceptance of Minutes: Approved by consensus

Acceptance of Agenda: Approved by consensus

Old Business

A. Fr. Paul's sabbatical report

- Gave an overview of the schedule, events, and talked about how the course work was on the passion of Christ and a lot on art.

B. Phase II

- Mike: Budget came in high at \$4.3M; cut over \$1M. Total cost currently is \$3.4M. Have \$2.4M already. Probably going to have to borrow about \$500,000.
 - What was cut? Design simplification, temporary road. Some landscaping in the courtyard.
- Break ground in the spring. Will still have west access through most of the build.
- Goal of Easter 2024.

C. Eucharistic Revival: Teaching Dies Domini (The Lord's Day) Bishop will reflect upon this Apostolic Letter during this Diocesan Year of the Eucharistic Revival. He is making live-streamed presentations on Dies Domini on Monday evenings: December 5 and 12, mostly during the Advent season. Presentations will begin at 7:30PM Central Time. Bulletin blurbs about this will be sent to you soon and will also be on the Diocesan Website: wvww.gidiocese.org

- June 8th Corpus Christi - Kick off in North Plate on the Saturday of Corpus Christi to kick-off parish year
 - Bishop is suggesting that Saturday night masses that weekend be canceled and could possibly be replaced with a Sunday night mass
- DCCW would like to bring the Eucharistic miracle board to the parishes in September and October 2023
- 2025: proposed 1 year of 'Going on Mission up to Pentecost 2025

Finance report

Pillars campaign

- 308 families that have donated toward the campaign
- \$2,461,361.52 has been pledged
- \$1,342,279.75 has been collected
 - \$400,000.00 in savings at the Diocese earning 2%.
 - \$350,000.00 is in CDs through Edward Jones earning 3.1%. No fees.
 - The rest is in an interest-bearing account locally.

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Campaign calls are being made by volunteers as a follow up to last letter that was sent early in November. Several new pledge cards have been turned in and some volunteers have completed their calls.

Collections: weekly budget is set at \$17,500 for 2022-23 fiscal year.

The parish came close to making budget in November. Usually, the first quarter in a parish, the budget is not made. The second quarter, which includes Christmas and year end giving, the budget is met for the first 6 months. The budget is divided equally for the weeks of the year, however, some of the larger bills come at different times. Also, Fr. Paul and the staff watch their spending carefully and have not spent more than what has been collected.

Diocesan Appeal for 2022 to 2023:

- Parish goal: \$73,464
- Total Raised: \$27,390
- Donor Goal 185
- Current # of donors: 77

Faith Formation:

K-5

- Saint stroll, was a lot of fun for both kids and adults. Students learned a lot!
- Started talking about Advent. Pool noodle Rosary's are awesome, making more sets of them.
- Learning about vocations and what they are.

6-12 & Young Adult

- New Young Adult group is having a game night for the Dec. social.
- Lifeteen finish up lesson on vocations.
- Educating on social media.

Community Pantry:

- Paid 7 utility bills = \$778.35
- Paid \$333 in rent assistance, helped 3 families
- 52 families visited the pantry last month and fed over 197 people
- Purchase of food and miscellaneous items for pantry totaled \$2,107.48
- Purchased new freezer for \$814.99
- Tyson donated over 1,000 lbs. of ham

Liturgy Committee Report:

- Mike and Jody Heeney, and parish volunteers have led the Christmas decorations
 - Putting out the Creche 12/16
 - Blessing of the straw 12/17-12/18
 - Final decorating: flowers, rod bows, etc. 12/23
- Rite of acceptance was held 11/27. There are six candidates seeking to join the church
- Dec 6: St. Nicholas (hide your shoes)
- Dec 7/8: immaculate Conceptions of the Blessed Virgin: 12/7 Vigil Mass 6 pm; 12/8/ mass 12:05 pm and 6 pm

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- Dec 11: Blue Christmas service at 3 pm
- Dec 11: Platte Valley Singers: 7 pm
- Dec 12; Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast (at St. James?)
- Dec 18: Reconciliation at St James - 3 pm
- Christmas Eve December 24 4 pm, 6:30 pm and 9 pm
- Christmas Day, December 25, 9 am.
- Dec 30-Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary regular weekend mass schedule
- Jan 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton feast day
- Jan 5: St. John Neumann feast day
- Jan 8: Epiphany of the Lord (Remove Christmas decorations?)
- Jan 9: Baptism of the Lord
- Jan 15: 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Green vestments
- Jan 29-Feb 4: Catholic Schools Week
- Feb 3: St Blaise feast day: Blessing of the throats
- Feb 22: Ash Wednesday

ASET Committee Report:

- Advent Retreat Dec 3rd – Presented by Fr. Torpey
- Blue Christmas is 12/11/22
- Book selected: Living the Mass by Fr. Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki
- Seder Meal will be April 03, 2023.

Stewardship Committee:

- Phase II campaign will have a Fall 2022 campaign ask and will be captained by the Stewardship Committee.
 - 12 families have begun reaching out to a group of 278 parishioners that have not yet made campaign contributions.
 - Over \$28,000 has been raised from these efforts

Welcome Committee: no report

Building and Grounds Committee: no report

Kearney Catholic Board Meeting:

- GOLD was a great event, final numbers yet to come.

Social committee: no report

Watchman: everything is going well, and everyone seems to be enjoying it. In January will be moving to Saint James

New Business:

- Diocesan Priest Shortage

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- Making a strategic plan, Grand Island and Kearney are growing – Mass Attendance, etc. Would like to see more Priests in Kearney.
- Rural areas, Priests are going to have to drive more.

Kim: Any updates on security initiative? Fr. Paul will get that going again.

Next meeting will be January 25th at 7PM at Prince of Peace rectory.

**Closing Prayer- Hail Mary
Meeting Adjourned.**