**Parish Council Meeting Thursday 9/8/22**

Opening Prayer by President Dave DiMaria

-Approval of last meeting minutes: Bill Colson first approval, Tim Callahan second

-Discussion regarding parish council members:

-Cindy Fischer, Jamie Munoz, and Greg Forstner are stepping down from the parish council

--Jon Schaak has one year left

-Dave DiMaria is staying for another 3 years, finishing first three year term

-Greg Forstner served 3 years

-People interested: Tony Ohlmacher, Ashley Hunsaker, Maria Munoz, also the new Grand knight Eric Pierson

-New council members should start October meeting

-October meeting will vote for new President and Vice President

-Parish Ministry fair this weekend, Sunday September 12

-Dave Raml sit at table after 0900 mass, both Dave Raml and Dave DiMaria available for after 110, Tim Callahan after 1730 Saturday mass

-38 ministries will have tables at the fair

-Not enough finance council members available to meet this coming weekend, hoping to meet in October with Father Tim

-Finance committee moved meeting to 0600 Wednesday mornings

-Boiler (new hall, gathering area, classrooms downstairs) quit working, cost $80,000 to replace, used contingency funds to pay for this but needed half up front

-Power surge disrupted the “computer” that controls the AC, still working but not adjusting correctly, about $20,000 to fix (AC system is from 1992, computer system not produced now to work with that system)

-insurance company not paying much due to depreciation of the AC system, Father Tim suggests Ruth call Dave Raml to read through the policy and see if more could be covered

-can we buy more insurance to cover issues like the boiler failing? would need to check in with current insurance carrier

-On Sept 14 and 21 will have meeting to discuss Pope Francis recommendations on the liturgy

-will discuss Cor Ad Cor and Oremos, new liturgy ministers can come to meeting and meet with director and other members

-will encourage liturgical ministers to do either Cor Ad Cor or Oremus

-Liturgy committee moved meeting to Sundays

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-Youth Liason (Katie Wermers): update youth room looks great: new paint, flooring, ping pong table, air hockey table. Faith Formation kick off 9/14 and first class 9/21

-School Liason(Jon Schaak)=HS students need 20-40 hours for service at school, LifeTeen does not count this year, priests and school decided that those hours were not service orientated,

-Suggested that the Knights always need help so one source for their service hours

-New Superintendent will speak at Cavalier, interim is Robert Aberle. Cavalier is this weekend

-Renovation Liason (Bill Colson)= Mary was moved down behind the hall, Father Tim blessed

her and the area

-56 pavers have been sold, a little over $10,000

-$135,000 donated predominantly from the renovation committee members, pledges and upfront cash

-Renovation meeting next week

-bishops approved the idea but need the financial approval from diocese: need to have half the money in hand by December 1 to put it out for bid

-Father Tim does not have the time to go personally fundraise

- Dave Raml asked could there be someone added to the renovation committee to help fundraise?

- Also suggested improving the way pavers are sold

-Bill Colson suggested could the reconciliation committee help with fundraising?

-sent out RFP to 10 different companies to ask for proposal for church renovation

-Projecting $400,000 for the project

-Dave recommends getting people committed to pledging pavers but not paying right away, might get more people committed

-statue is in a ship on the coast of California, will take about 4 months to get here: having the statue here might inspire people to pledge

-thoughts about having display during month of November to inspire people buying pledges, the month of All Saints and All Souls

-there is a paver booklet in the funeral information people are given

-going to the middle/low donor class for these donations, saving the top class donors for the renovation (asking them to invest now so there is money available at the time of the project, 5 have said yes so far, can’t ask them for Marian Shrine then)

-Diocesan campaign “Living the Mission” Update=

- goal for our parish was 2.2 million=our parish achieved that goal

-So in 2023 we will get 20% back

-At the time of the campaign planning, our parish had to set specific project we would use the 20% towards

-Father Brian and then current parish council decided to commit the money to making a central aisle and combining our two entrances into one

-So next year that 20% ($400,000) will be used to hire campaign company and consultant for the renovation

-we went over our goal by $200,000=people can change where their contributions go, only about $50,000 though (go from Blessed Sacrament to St. Therese), money can’t be used toward the proposed Marian Shrine because that was not in the initial proposed plan

Faith Formation Adult Update

-One person signed up for Alpha this summer, that person left but 4 more joined

-RCIA starting, 30 came to first meeting, 22 interest in joining the church, one from Alpha

-Amanda, new staff member is helping coordinate RCIA

-Matt is now teaching at STM

Service Update (Tim Callahan)-August 1-Sept 3=6 older ladies use the service=helping them get to

-Parish Festival (Dave Raml)

-great feedback, about 1000 plates served

-current council members all agreed to stay on for next year, would like to focus on youth volunteering and helping more, Matt will help with that

-Knights of Columbus (Dave DiMaria)

donuts Sept 12 along with ministry fair, Pancakes will be Sept 18=go back to every third Sunday for donuts then

-October 1 Coats for Kids, also tootsie roll campaign over the next few months

-Pastor Report

-Recap of how Reconciliation committee was formed

-165 names of “angry people” who have left the church, 15 names were removed as they were identified as current active members=50 came off the list because they don’t live in parish boundaries, they determine the pastor’s jurisdiction=Father Tim can’t reach out to them as they are in other priest’s parish boundaries= original 5 people asked to gather the original names were not asked to be on committee as they themselves are upset about something

-found 5 women and 4 men to be on reconciliation committee, need one more man

-Peggy Hanafin, Deb Fredrich, Kay Loos, Ann Shepherd, Trish Raml

-Ken Jimmerson, Dave Elker, Dave DiMaria, Bill Colson

-once the group is formed, will meet with Father Tim and decide how to approach the final 100 people

-Father Tim will let those 10 decide then to come up with plan, he will not be involved as he is too closely connected and is a common reason people have left our church

-If the 10 people on the committee want to change the title, that is up to them (people have asked is Reconciliation committee the best term for it)?

-once they get through 100 names brought forth by original group of 5 people

-Will approach the 400 names that have not contributed financially to church in the last 10 years but still listed as members of our parish

Other business:

-We are buying mainly all of our materials from the Mustard Seed

-Mass at the Square for Faith Formation Kick off on Wednesday, September 7th went well

Closing Prayer