

## **St. Stephen Pastoral Council Meeting November 1, 2022**

**Opening Prayer:** Father Greg Oligschlaeger opened the meeting with prayer.

**Present:** Father Greg Oligschlaeger , Matt Hays , Emily Gares, Rose McNally , Carol Hagan .

### **Reports:**

- Finance- Father Greg reported that the parish is doing well with our budget at this time. The finance committee voted to go ahead with the renovations to the rectory main bedroom, main bathroom and to move the laundry out of the basement and into the main bedroom. These renovations will take place some time this winter. The parish will also move some funds into a Diosecian fund for a higher interest rate
- School- no report
- Faith Formation-Advent books will be put out soon. After the first of the year Donna Long will start a study on the book of Revelation.
- Altar Society- Will meet on Sunday November 6th at 5:00. Parish council would like the altar society to consider the possibility of putting deadbolts on the entrance doors and also to have a different system for accessing the freezer.
- Cemetery- The cemetery clean up day was successful. Lots of dirt leveling, and grass seeding was accomplished.
- Knights of Columbus- The St. Joseph Consecration books are available.

### **Old Business:**

- Pastoral Plan-Rose and Carol reported on the Deanery meeting held in Columbia on October 18th. The meeting centered around the theme Shaping Our Future Together. Bishop McKnight wants individual parishes to see how we can share resources within our Deanery in order to build our Catholic community across our Deanery, not just in our individual parishes. Parishioners attending this meeting were asked to discuss how we promote our Cahtolic community, how we can share parish resources with other parishes, and how to promote vocations within the parishes. Parishioners attending the meeting suggested that the parishes in

our Deanery complete a simple survey of available resources. The eventual outcome of these meetings and discussions will help all parishes in our Catholic community to thrive.

- Virtus training Breakfast- 8 people did the training. Donna Long was pleased with the turnout.
- Repair of the church soffit/facia- Danny Sims reported via email. Schwada Builders from Shelbina and Bleigh Construction from Hannibal declined to look at the soffit/facia. Heimer Construction from Taylor didn't decline but hasn't looked at it either. They will be in contact with Danny.

### **New Business:**

- Father Jones Boot Camp on Stewardship-Father Jones' presentation on the Stewardship Parish was well attended and he discussed the stewardship model and how to implement it and follow the model. The parish council discussed the ideas/concept he presented. It will be important for parishioners to be involved in the small group stewardship study during Lent. Father Greg is in the process of forming a joint St. Stephen and Holy Rosary Stewardship Committee.
- St. Stephen gym rental agreement-Rose brought the current gym rental agreement. She will ask Marie Purol if she is willing to continue to be the contact person for gym rental. We agreed that gym rental will remain open to parishioners at the current price of \$100 for 3 days and \$50 for one day.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Holy Day Mass Schedule- Immaculate Conception ( December 8th) will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen.
  - Christmas Mass Schedule for Saturday December 24th:  
5:30 at Holy Rosary,  
8:00 at St. Stephen  
Midnight at Holy Rosary

**Closing Prayer:** Father Greg closed with a prayer that was shared at the Deaner meeting.

**Next Meeting:** January 19, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the gym.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Carol Hagan*

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Carol Hagan, Secretary

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Matt Hays, Chair