

St. Stephen Pastoral Council Meeting January 19, 2023

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

Present: Father Greg, Matt Hays, Carol Hagan, Rose McNally, Jennifer Richardson, Donna Long, Eric Keller, Father Walter, Danny Sims.

Reports:

- Jennifer Richardson spoke on behalf of Holy Rosary Parish Council. Holy Rosary has been doing a breakfast (2-3 times a year). St. Stephen parishioners are always welcome to attend. As we move to the stewardship model Holy Rosary is asking for help with these breakfast meals. The goal is to co-mingle and facilitate fellowship between parishes. To kick off the planning process of having a joint stewardship council, a mixer including both parishes will be held. The goal of the mixer is to brainstorm ideas for both parishes to be more present in our local communities and our Catholic community. A joint parish committee will be formed to help with the planning of breakfasts, community events, and family faith nights. As part of the stewardship model, we will be sharing our resources with Holy Rosary. St. Stephen parish council is willing to be participants. Jennifer will email out needs for the next breakfast on February 26, 2023.

- Picnic Report- Lee Anderson will chair the picnic 1 more year. Lee and the parish council will look for another couple to work with Lee to see how the picnic is organized. He will purchase bikes for the picnic soon, as the next shipment will be priced higher. The picnic meal price will increase to \$15. Lee saw no way to cut costs except maybe less ice. He will have a flier at the March meeting. Mark McNally will

look at the condition of the warmers and present information at the March meeting.

- Hall Rental-Marie Purol will retire from hall rental contact person. Sally Lemongelli is willing to take over. Father Greg emphasized that a rider needs to be part of the rental agreement (\$100-\$50). Emily Gares, Carol Hagan, Sally Lemongelli and Marie Purol will meet by February 1st to update the current rental agreement and send the proposed agreement to the Diocese for review. Phil Whelan will be installing a deadbolt on the gym for increased security. He will install this while he's renovating the rectory.
- Eric Keller will investigate the epoxy flooring options for the gym/kitchen area.
- Faith Formation Report- Donna Long had prepared a detailed report. Highlights from the report include:
 - Youth Led Mass on January 28, 2023
 - RCIA- looking to add someone from St. Stephen to the RCIA team. Twelve people are currently in RCIA.
 - Confirmation- March 26, 2023 at 9:30 mass
 - Stewardship small groups- she asked that parish council members consider being small group leaders. She will send information to council members on registration for a Zoom meeting that will give training and direction to small group leaders. The small groups will meet during Lent. The sessions are 1 ½ hours long for 4 weeks.
 - Flocknote- we need to encourage youth in grades 7 and up to sign up. There have been some technical issues with US Cellular and CenturyLink users and the issue has been reported.

Pastor's Report:

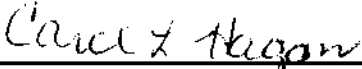
- Stewardship Council- Father Greg is putting together a list of prospective council members and they will meet Monday night January 23, 2023.

- Rectory renovation- Phil Whelan will now renovate the other bedroom and bathroom.
- Central Deanery Meeting- Matt Hays will attend the meeting on February 28, 2023.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2022 at 7 PM at St. Stephen Hall

Closing Prayer: Father Walter closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Hagan, Secretary



Matt Hays, Chair