

St. Stephen Pastoral Council Meeting May 11, 2023

Opening Prayer: Father Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Father Greg Oligschlaeger, Matt Hays, Carol Hagan, Rose McNally, Eric Keller, Danny Sims, Emily Gares, and Father Walter Kispotta.

Reports:

- **Maintenance-** The council went on a tour of the gym and rectory. The rectory updates are completed and look very nice. The new epoxy flooring in the gym between the kitchen and the new bathrooms is finished and looks great. Thanks to Frank and Anna Lemongelli for cleaning after this installation. The stair carpet runner will be taken out and new rubber stair treads will be installed. The stair banister and steps will be freshened up with new stain and varnish. The east hallway/entrance between the kitchen and the new bathrooms will be painted. These repairs will possibly be finished before the Swinkey picnic. A new restroom sign will be installed-possibly vinyl lettering on the door. Danny will get someone to look at the north refrigerator in the kitchen as it is not keeping cold. The new steam table is installed and looks very functional.
- **Donna Long** sent a detailed report regarding the religious education programs. The report reviewed the year and discussed plans for the upcoming year. Father Greg will be asking for PSR and Religious education leaders from St. Stephen Parishioners.
- **Picnic-** Lee is looking for someone to intern with him this year and then take over the picnic for 2 years. Rose, Carol and Danny will contact potential couples to work with Lee.
- **Parish Elections-** Danny agreed to be on the ballot and Eric is not eligible for re-election. The first Sunday of June parish council nomination ballots will be passed out. Rose and Carol will tally these. The top six will be contacted to be placed on the ballot. The second Sunday of June parish council ballots will be

available. Rose and Carol will distribute, collect and count the ballots.

Pastor's Report:

- Father Greg reported dates for the next Deanery Parish leadership meetings- May 18, August 22, and November 7. Carol and Rose are available to attend the meeting on August 22.
- June 11 will be the Solemnity of Corpus Cristi and there will be a procession after 9:30 mass at Holy Rosary. Both parishes are invited to participate in the procession and Benediction at the end of the procession.
- Father Greg explained the Diocesan policy regarding parish fundraising and soliciting funds in the name of the Catholic Church policy. For fundraisers over \$10,000 the parish would need to fill out the appropriate paperwork with the Diocese for fundraiser approval. After the fundraiser then a report will need to be filed to show how much was raised and how the funds will be spent. All parish fundraisers will submit a report to the parish office when the event is finished.
- Father Greg reminded the council of the celebration of his 30 year anniversary to be held on Friday, May 12th at the Holy Rosary Rectory backyard (5-9 p.m.). This is also a gathering to thank Father Walter for all he has done for our parishes and wish him well as he is moving to serve the parishes in Edina, Memphis, and Baring parish.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen gym

Closing Prayer: Father Walter closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L Hagan

Carol Hagan, Secretary

Matt Hays

Matt Hays, Chair