

ST. ANN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 10/13/22

Present: Todd, Greg, Tony, Russ, Nancy, Richard, Fr. Corey

Absent: Kathy

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 PM.

FR. COREY COMMENTS:

- There a good number of excellent leaders for Faith Formation this year:
- 40 elementary students with 7 leaders
- 10 Jr. High boys with 3 men to lead – more students expected after football is done.
- 10 Jr. High girls with 3 ladies to lead.
- There are 2 ladies leading the High School girls
- Fr. Corey and one other man is leading the High School boys --- there are currently 7 enrolled with more students expected when football is done.
- There are now 61 students enrolled at Sacred Heart School with 11 students coming from the Copper Country via the new bus. The atmosphere at the School is very good . The School is currently looking for a teacher -- Christy is filling in until a new teacher is hired.
- Fr. Corey will be conducting a Eucharistic Retreat at Gwinn on Oct. 29 and 30. The Gwinn Priest will be filling in at BCCC that weekend. He will be conduction a Retreat in Marquette the following weekend and Fr. Greg Heikkila will be at BCCC that weekend.
- Maddy is holding choir practice at all three Parishes on a weekly basis. She is also doing music instruction for SHS students each week.

OLD BUSINESS

Altar replacement --- Greg

- Greg had previously sent quotes for several new altar options to PC members. During discussion, Fr. Corey noted that Rich Schneider had built 2 altars for Sacred Heart. Discussion concluded with decision that Greg would contact Rich to see if any interest in building a new altar for St. Ann's.

Rectory Exterior Door ---- Greg

- Council reviewed two quotes for the door. After additional discussion there was a Motion by Richard to “purchase an exterior door from Menards with a budgeted expenditure of up to \$500”. Second by Nancy. All in favor.
- Greg will pick up the door from Menards and Louis has indicated he will install it.

Sign of Peace ---- Fr. Corey

- Fr. indicated he would like to re-introduce the Sign-of-Peace at Mass. Following discussion the PC agreed to starting that soon. Certain stipulations were brought up and Fr. will explain.

- Fr. also would like to bring back the Chalice ---- currently thinking to do this around Easter time.

Staining of Chairs on the Altar to Match the New Pews --- Greg

- Quotes were previously shared with PC members. During discussion it was decided that Rich Schneider should be contacted to see if he would be interested in this project.
- During this discussion it was also noted that it would be an option to have matching stain for a new altar --- unless it is a painted piece.
- Discussion included how a new altar could be moved for the Latin Mass without needing to get it through the door to adjacent entry/storage. Options for this will be reviewed and measured.

Fr. Corey left the meeting at 7:05 PM due to another commitment.

Meat Slicer --- Todd

- Todd reviewed that after much research and contact with experienced people ---- he has ordered a meat slicer which should be delivered in about 1 week. This equipment is vital for the Hunter Supper and due to its versatility will likely have other applications.
- The cost is m/l \$677. Todd indicated he may have one or more donors to pay for this item.

Number of Ushers Needed for Mass --- Todd

- PC members who are ushers reviewed the problems in securing 4 ushers for Masses.
- There was much discussion of options and alternatives. No decision was made as Fr. Corey would need to be involved in the discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance ---- Greg

- Account Balances: Checking - \$28,158 / Savings - \$12,366 / Ladies Guild - \$7,111 / Investment Pool - \$106,287.
- There was discussion regarding the St. Ann share of the BCCC directory cost which totaled \$1,000.64. The total cost of the directories was \$3,050. Parishioners made donations totaling \$600. The \$1000 share allocated to St. Ann was basically an unbudgeted expense.
- After discussion it was Moved by Tony with Second by Richard that letter be written to Wayne that future expenses of this nature should first be reviewed with the Parish Council for input and agreement. All approved the Motion. Todd will write a letter outlining the PC concerns and suggestions.

Sacred Heart School Operations ---- Russ

- In addition to what Fr. Corey reported --- SHS has federal funds available to hire a teachers aide and are advertising for that position.
- Richard has been appointed to the School Advisory Committee and will begin attending meetings. He will be reporting on School operations going forward.

Hunter Supper ---- Russ

- Reviewed the status of Hunter Supper preparations. All going well. Provisions either in the storeroom or on order as needed. Parishioners and the KC's have stepped up when asked and we are in good shape in that area as well. No particular problems for-seen --- should go well.

Building and Grounds

- Todd asked for a volunteer to step up to the Chair of this committee ---- there were no takers. So Todd agreed to fill the position until the next election cycle in July, 2023 when a new Chair will be appointed or elected.

NEW BUSINESS

Church Front Door

- Discussion regarding the quotes Greg had previously gotten on the front door of the Church. It was agreed that the current door is very energy inefficient and needs replacement. PC decided this is a key project and will continue to consider options and gather cost information. It is likely that rather than glass doors as current ---- they should be replaced with a good quality wooden door.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:00 PM.

Minutes noted and compiled by Russ.