

ST. ANN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING -- 12/14/23

PRESENT: Greg, Richard, Kathy, Tony Russ, Nancy, Todd, Fr. Jins

ABSENT: None

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 PM.

FR. JINS COMMENTS:

- Additional Eucharistic Ministers are needed since the re-introduction of the Precious Blood. There was much discussion on bringing the Precious Blood back with the final general agreement to continue to see how it is accepted.
- There was also a review of the lack of altar servers. It was brought up about possibly again allowing girls to serve and the general feeling was there would be no objection to that.

OLD BUSINESS:

REFRIGERATOR

- Having some problems with setting proper temperature --- the temp set on the outside does not correspond to the temp on the inside. This was later found to be due to the thermometer on the inside not functioning properly.
- Kathy has contacted the manufacturer and they guarantee proper performance.

DISHWASHER

- Various problems were reviewed --- such as temperature gauges, soap and bleach supply, on/off protocols, water heaters and proper water temp, etc.
- ALK will be contacted to inspect.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE ---- Greg

- Costs for the front door replacement, steps and entryway cement materials, basement ceiling leak have all been paid.
- Evangelization materials and the Faith Formation program have been paid by a grant --- so there is no co-pay for these programs.
- Our UPCS goal has been met. Parish participation was 40%. Our goal was \$14,700 and a total of \$14,900 has been pledged/collected (101% of goal) to date.
- Checking account balance is \$34,792.60.
- Building/Renovation fund balance is \$34,828.46. This includes m/l \$1K from the recent Fall raffle.
- Ladies Guild fund balance is \$5,085.47
- The Investment Pool has not changed from last month.
- The new refrigerator has not yet been paid. The Ladies Guild is considering a donation toward this.

Motion by Todd to accept the Finance Report. Second by Richard. All approved.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FINANCE ---- Kathy

- Sr. Hannah has had surgery and is recovering. Mary Jane Schwartz is filling in. Sr. is on one-half salary during recovery which will help cover subbing costs.
- Ms. Lahenen will be out for awhile due to a death in the family.
- Two new students have enrolled --- so getting very close to goal of 60 students.
- In general finances are OK.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND EVENTS ---- Richard

- A uniform-type dress code is being considered . Uniform vendors are being contacted for information.
- A high school program is still being considered. One local family is sending 2 students to Escanaba for Catholic high school.
- SHS may be purchasing a larger bus, with grant money, due to growing interest from Copper Country area families.

FAITH FORMATION ----- No report

PARISH SERVICES ----- Tony

- There was a good turnout last Sunday for the brunch following the Bishop's installation of Fr. Jins as our Pastor.
- The KC's are considering various ideas for Friday fish fries during the Lenten season.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP ---- No report

BUILDING AND GROUNDS ----- Todd

- All projects in the Rectory brought up in previous reports have been completed.
- Todd is working with Louis to assure that walkways are cleaned of snow and ice for adoration and Mass needs.
- The ceiling patch needed in the basement ceiling because of the recent pipe leak will be repaired soon.
- There is a light fixture in the choir loft which is not working. Todd will address this.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHURCH FURNITURE

- Tom Clisch will be making a new stand for the altar book.
- Going forward there will be one altar server chair to be on the left side and no chairs on the right side unless there are multiple servers.

- Greg is gathering information and costs from various vendors to refinish all the chairs to match. This would include Priest chair / Con-celebrant chair / 4 server chairs / plus 1 chair in the bell-tower and 3 in the Chapel.
- There have been requests from Parishioners to include mention of St. Ann in the Eucharistic Prayers ("All the Angels and Saints").
- Some Council members have been contacted by Parishioners to request that events which were not specific to Sacred Heart Parish, such as penance services, guest speakers, bible studies, etc. be shared equally by all three Parishes.
- There have been requests from Parishioners to consider alternating the Christmas and Easter Day Masses between St. Ann and Sacred Heart. These would be the Masses on the actual Holiday.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:00 PM.

Minutes noted and compiled by Russ.