

ST. ANN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING --- 1/11/24

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

Absent: None

Meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 PM.

FR. JINS COMMENTS:

- Fr. invited Council members, and other Parishioners, to let him know of any Spiritual needs.
- Any changes are open for discussion.
- Similar to the Eucharistic Minister training which is forthcoming; a Lector has asked if a similar session could be held for Lectors. No date has been set at this time.
- Annual contribution statements will be mailed next week.
- Fr. stated only one Celebrant chair is needed unless there is a visiting Priest. This will alleviate congestion.
- If there is a need, or desire, for any additional Masses --- such as first Friday or first Saturday --- let Fr. know.
- On Ash Wednesday there will be three Masses. Times are 8:15 AM at Sacred Heart / 12:10 PM at St. Ann / 5:15 PM at Holy Name.
- Palm Sunday Masses at St. Ann will be 4:00PM Saturday and 8:00AM Sunday.
- Holy Thursday Mass will be at Sacred Heart at 7:00PM.
- Good Friday Mass will be at St. Ann at 1:00PM.
- Easter Masses will be as follows: Sacred Heart at 9:00PM Saturday, St. Ann at 10:00AM Sunday, and Holy Name at 12:00 Noon Sunday.
- Stations of the Cross during Lent, for St. Ann will be Fridays at 5:00 PM.
- The Easter Penance Service will take place at St. Ann this year starting at 7:00PM. The date is still to be determined. Six visiting Priests are expected to be present. The Ladies Guild and KC's will provide dinner for the Priests beginning at 5:00PM.
- Fr. inquired as to any special events that have traditionally taken place at BCCC during the Lenten season. There was discussion as to Missions, etc. which have taken place in years past.
- During Fr.'s presentation Kathy informed the Council that Ethel Vizina has stepped down as President of the Ladies Guild. Ethel has led the Guild for many very successful and productive years. The Guild is in a re-organizing mode at this time to determine leadership going forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New Refrigerator
 - # Final payment was made on 1/10 /24.
 - # The Ladies Guild provided \$2K toward the cost.
- Dishwasher
 - # Inspection by ALK has determined that the hot water booster heater in the dishwasher is not functioning.

- # Richard has shopped on-line for a replacement unit and has found units the same as the defective one now in place at a cost range of \$2300 to \$2700. The final cost may be up to \$3500. with taxes and shipping.
- # ALK has agreed to do the installation of a new unit .
- # Motion made by Richard that “ a new water heater booster be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$3500. and ALK be hired to install the unit when it is received. Second by Todd. All approved.
- # Richard will proceed to order the new unit and contact ALK.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCIAL REPORT --- Greg

- Checking account balance is \$37,003.50
- Building and Renovation Fund and the Investment Pool balances are the same as last month.
- The Ladies Guild account balance is \$2,484.
- Our UPCSAs pledges totaled \$15,040 toward an assessment of \$14,747. A total of \$14,890 has been collected so far. Payment to the Diocese is due on March 15. Fifty families or 40.7% of Parish families contributed.
- Council members are in agreement of the need to proceed with replacement of the Rectory garage roof. Estimates for this project will be gathered for later discussion and decision.
- There is agreement among PC that the Finance Council include resuming “Perpetual Care” allocations in the next Parish budget. In the past the goal for this budget item was 10% and PC agreed that this be continued to the extent possible given other budget needs.
- Hunter Supper will be on the agenda for the PC meeting in February.
- There was discussion of possible disposal of excess furniture which is broken or no longer needed. Greg and Fr. Jins will review items and decide as to keep or dispose. Greg has been in contact with DeWitt, a dealer in Church furnishings.
- A DeWitt representative will be in the area and has offered to take a first hand look at excess items to set values and determine if feasible to list for sale.
- Motion by Richard to approve the Finance Report. Second by Tony. All approved.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FINANCE --- Kathy

- Kathy presented members with copies of the SHS December financial report and led a discussion as to the current and anticipated financial status. This was well received by Council and led to many questions and good discussion.
- The School has an arrangement with L'Anse Twp. to use the upstairs of the Town Hall for gym activities. Current cost is \$40. per week. The Ladies Guild will be paying for the next 2 months.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP ---- Kathy

- There was discussion about presentation of the gifts of bread and wine and the collections during the Mass. Fr. Jins would like the procession to be led by the bread and wine with the collection basket to be following. After the bread and wine are presented to Fr. the collection should be placed at the front of the altar.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS ---- Todd

- The door handle in the men's bathroom is broken. Louis is aware and will be replacing.
- Louis discovered the heat was out in the Church the day after Christmas. Cause was a tripped breaker in the panel located in the meeting room.
- The basement ceiling still needs to be patched. Louis would not have sufficient time to do this project ---- so Todd will do that.
- Snow removal on the walkways has been satisfactory.
- Louis has been getting the boiler room organized.
- Todd maintains regular contact with Louis as to needs and project priorities.
- Choir loft light repair is still on the to do list.

NEW BUSINESS

- Karen (Secretary) had requested direction on where to place items, such as books, calendars, etc. to be picked up by Parishioners. After discussion it was decided they should be placed in the bell tower and Ushers would place them for access.
- Kathy outlined some aspects of the "Let's Eat" program --- especially the cost increase and the expected sponsor participation. Cost started at \$200 per event and is now at \$350 to \$400. The sponsor is now expected to prepare and serve the meal whereas this was by a set group when started.
After much discussion it was decided that St. Ann should continue to be the location for the program and that takeout should be discontinued.
- Three PC members will be term limited in June. Need an announcement in the bulletin of need to fill these vacancies.

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:15PM.

Minutes noted and compiled by Russ.