

## ST. ANN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 1/13/22

Present: Todd, Greg, Tony, Fr.Corey, Tammy, Diane, Kathy, Russ

Absent: None

Guest: Christy Miron

Open with prayer, led by Fr. Corey, at 6:30 PM.

### FR. COREY COMMENTS:

- Congratulations to all for the pew project being in place --- especially to Greg for his leadership on the project. The Diocese has approved, the contract has been signed with the supplier, and the 5% discount has been included.
- The Sacred Heart School Christmas concert was held today with good attendance ---- it was also shown on-line.
- The Leadership Team has been meeting to discuss and schedule a leader for the Lenten Mission.
- The Christmas Masses went well and there was also good on-line attendance.
- There was good attendance at the penance service. Seven priests heard confessions for one and one-half hours.
- With the covid surge there has been lower Mass attendance, but an increase in the live-stream participants --- there were 350 views last Sunday.
- UPCS response was awesome with nearly \$5K over goal pledged. Fr. reiterated that the Diocesan goal is not based on response but on other factors such as number of Parishioners, etc.

Guest, Christy Miron discussed the possibility of a communion rail being installed to further the worship at the Latin Mass. She stated that St. Ann Parish was a permanently designated Latin Mass site and therefore there was long-term expectation of the need for such an addition. Further, she felt that with the on-going pew project that this would be an opportune time to consider such an addition. She, and Fr. Corey explained the possible procedures on distribution with the rail addition. There was much discussion by the PC members with questions regarding the extent of the rail, location and various distribution scenarios. The rail addition would require Diocesan approval. Following discussion an apparent majority of the PC members decided to move ahead discovery of variations, prices, etc. Greg volunteered to solicit prices for various lengths, styles and materials.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### RECTORY PROJECT:

- The only flooring done to date is in the kitchen area.
- Eric Kempainen will do the sink and toilet install in the downstairs bathroom area. Further, Eric indicated there would be no charge for the work done by him or Al.
- Steph Raymond work totals \$350 so far.

- Painting is completed.
- Diane will donate the backsplash and window trim in the kitchen and Craig and Steph Raymond will do the work.
- Per Todd many of the blinds throughout the Rectory were broken and discarded ---- needs to be considered whether to replace or leave to future tenants.

#### PEW PROJECT:

- Greg will be meeting with Wayne regarding the financial arrangements.
- Contractors insurance (workmans comp. and liability) are in place for the pew and flooring installation.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### FINANCE ---- Greg

- The amount currently in the checking account is sufficient to cover 5 months of expenses.
- Next Finance Council meeting is January 27.
- Rectory maintenance budget of \$8,595 looks to be sufficient and may even leave a balance of m/l \$1,400. after all is done.
- Due to sickness and priorities the usual financial reports were not available from Wayne.

##### SACRED HEART SCHOOL FINANCE --- Kathy

- School is doing well financially ---- several government grants have been received.
- The project to replace lighting with LED is very successful. Dollar numbers of savings will be available next meeting.

##### SACRED HEART SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION --- Tammy

- Next Advisory Council meeting is Jan 18.
- Will be using some gov't. grant monies to hire some additional instructor help.
- The Fall newsletter is out.
- Enrollment continues at 52 students.
- Spaghetti dinner fund raiser will be on Jan. 29.

##### FAITH FORMATION --- Kathy

- Attended a session. Fewer students because of Covid. Three teaches.

##### PARISH SERVICES --- Tony

- No report.

##### LITURGY AND WORSHIP --- Kathy

- No report.

#### BUILDING AND GROUNDS --- Diane

- The front doors blow open in strong winds when they are unlocked. Also there is a large gap between the doors that need weather stripping. Diane will contact Al Kemppainen to see if this can be done. There was also some discussion of the side entrance door not fully closing during high winds but it was determined this is mainly due to snow wedging the door open and just needs to be cleaned out as it happens.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Todd advised members that the existing carpet in the living room, dining room and upstairs bedrooms were old and brittle and would not survive stretching needed to remove large wrinkles. A quote from the Furniture Mart for suitable carpet was \$2008 for the four upstairs bedrooms and \$1495 for the living room and dining room. There would be a charge of \$440 to remove and dispose of the old carpet. After much discussion ---- a motion was made by Tammy "That the Rectory carpet in the living room, dining room, and four upstairs bedrooms be replaced as quoted by the Furniture Mart at a cost of \$3,503 and also that the Furniture Mart remove and dispose of the old carpet for a fee of \$440." The motion was seconded by Tony. All approved.
- Greg reminded members of the need to dispose of the existing pews when time comes to replace. He reviewed several outlets and asked member to be thinking of this future need.
- There was discussion of a person who came into the Church during adoration when the Church was open to ask for assistance. It happened Greg was present in the Church getting some materials related to the pew project that had been left and referred the person to St. Vincent. Later Greg came back and did a thorough search of the Church and basement to be certain the person had actually left. Much discussion on Church security ensued --- especially during adoration hours. Discussion led to the possibility of locking the front doors and putting a combination lock on the hallway door leading to the basement area. Fr. Corey will discuss this proposal with Sue Massey, the adoration leader, and get her input on security needs.

At the end of the meeting Diane requested to step down from the Parish Council. Members were asked to consider Parishioner to replace Diane and bring to next meeting.

Closing prayer at 8:45 PM.

Minutes noted and compiled by Russ.