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Parish Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2023

Those in Attendance:

Robin Smith, President
Louisa Fisher, Vice President
Susan Doyle, Secretary
Lisa Ganser
Mary Jane Heyman
Barbara Rafferty, Ex-Officio, Finance Committee
Nelly Camacho
Ron Proveaux
Patti Leibl

Those absent:

Fr. Martino – was absent but called in
Rick Rafter, Ex-Officio, Deacon

Meeting opened at 6:58 – Robin opened the meeting with the Hail Mary and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Disposition of Minutes:

Minutes from February and March were approved. Ron made the motion to be approved and Mary Jane seconded.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) **7 Sisters Program** – Tabled for now
- 2) **Special Projects Update (albs)** – The new albs are here. Now the old ones need to be weeded out.
- 3) **Windows** – Pattie is verifying quote to the seal on the separated window. She still can't find someone to do the windows.
- 4) **Water faucet** – A replacement can't be found. The suggestion was just to use water from another spigot.
- 5) **Sign In Front of Building** – Keep the sign out front and use the new sign to go in front of the office. The suggestion was to make three signs to mark the buildings: "church building and mass times", "religious education" and "office." Lisa made a motion to put the sign in front of the office and Robin seconded.

Reports:

Ministries Updates:

Prayer – Ron Proveaux – no report

Service – Mary Jane – no report

Formation – Lisa Ganser – The church is going to purchase a split unit for the youth meeting room.

Parish Life – Nelly Camacho – no report

Committees:

Finance – Barbara Rafferty – All ministries turned in their budget information. There was a shortage in November and the deficit was taken care of for the year. We are about to be hit with the fundraising plan for the Sunday Visitor which is the diocese consultant to teach us how to get higher offerings. The discussion was had about the church that we want to build. We'll not just be raising money for the church but also for all that goes along with that. It will start before September. There will be 3 weekends where someone will be speaking about it before

Building – Gerry Klock – absent: no report

Discipleship – Connie Cordeira – absent: no report

New Business:

- 1) **Parish Council Elections** – This will take place on May 20 and 21, 2023. Lisa cannot run again. Mary Jane's position is up for election. She is eligible to run again and will do so. All candidates need to be named by next weekend. Robin will get Patti to run the announcement and Fr. will speak at masses.
- 2) **Grief ministry** – Patti was in attendance and mentioned there is interest in forming a grief support group. This idea was turned into a motion by Lisa and Mary Jane seconded it.
- 3) **Cat colony** – Patti also expressed her concerns over the feral cat colony. They have accessed under the office causing a smell with their waste. Fr. and Lisa also commented that they also noticed this. Patti recommended removal of all cats. Louisa expressed that other animals (raccoons and will have access under the office if cats can get in, so the main issue is securing the base of the building from animal access. Fr. said that something needs to be done and expressed that at least that they would have to be fed at the back of the property in order to keep the food and other waste away from the office.
- 4) **Linda Morgan** – \$1300.00 was raised for Linda Morgan this past Sunday. Linda ordered sweatshirts and t-shirts. Sweatshirts are \$40.00 and \$20.00. Her goal is \$75,000. Lisa was talking about needing to get a fundraising team or effort put together. Spaghetti dinner was going to be set after the International dinner.

Calendar of Events:

March 26th – Fund raiser for Linda Morgan

April 16th International Potluck Supper

May 14th – Mother's Day

Fr. Martino

Fr. said that he had recent comments about the new church building. He explained that this is the bishop's decision, and he says that he has concerned over the size needed due to fluctuating job/market/economy affecting the attendance numbers. The bishop prefers to wait before building.

Fr. also said there is a diocese wide need for increase collections, and the diocese has decided to use the Our Sunday Visitor to generate stronger donations. Fr. will let us know when we can meet with this group to hear their plan.

Closing Prayer – and Glory Be . . . said by all.

Meeting Closed at 7:53

Next Meeting May 15, 2023

Minutes Submitted by Susan Doyle