

Parish Council Minutes

1/17/23

Members Present:

Peter Moles
Jill Kuehner

DJ Grant
Mary Roulston

Fran Foley
Skip Hilleboe

Elizabeth Bielass
Dan Horan

Council Advisors:

Jerry Ball

Sharon Racht

Pastoral Staff and Staff

Lisa Coppola
Amy McCune

MaryLynn Giacobbe

The meeting began at 7:00 with an opening prayer by Amy McCune.

Pastoral Reports

Lisa Coppola - School Principal

- Fundraisers for the school - Breakfast With Santa raised \$5500, Poinsettia sale restarted this year, Book Fair raised \$1400, and on-line auction raised \$4700.
- Catholic Schools Week will begin on 1/27 with the Bishop celebrating Mass. Many fun activities planned throughout the week including Teacher Swap, Let's Taco about Books. Taste of Blessed Sacrament and Open House, Vocations presentation, and Sixth grade students/parents kickball game
- The Christmas Concert was beautiful. A bake sale was added this year which raised \$274, looking to add water and more treats next year.
- Basketball League has started for 4/5/6 grades and Snack Shack has returned.
- Share the Wealth/Auction/Casino night is being planned for June 3, 2023. A suggestion was made to look into the fundraiser of lottery calendar drawings for next year as a possible replacement for Share the Wealth.
- A Market Day with ENA is being planned for April

Parish Discussions

Fish Fry

Jerry shared that the Fish Fry is likely returning to having sit-down seating in the cafeteria. Call-in orders and delivery will continue. A meeting for the Fish Fry committee has not been scheduled yet. Many volunteers are needed for this to be a success. A suggestion was made to use the back parking lot for picking up called-in orders. The dishwasher repair was discussed. Bobby has reported to Pete that the valve to repair the dishwasher has been received and should return the dishwasher to working condition.

Lenten Opportunities

FORMED

Amy McCune shared information about the website/app FORMED. DJ shared that he has utilized many of the books and videos from the site. The "sister app" for

FORMED is the "Amen App" which contains reflections, the Bible in a Year, and other materials.

During Lent, Wednesday evening reflections will be held for 4-6 weeks beginning the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. Father will be hearing confessions in the church from 5:00-6:00 and the reflections will take place from 6:00-7:00. Amy has reached out to Bill Sweeney who will be offering 1-2 of the reflections. Amy is looking into other staff, Council members, or parishioners who would like to host an evening of reflection. Her email address is jam9905@yahoo.com, if you would like to talk more about this with her. The FORMED materials for Lent are being reviewed to use at the reflection evenings.

RCIA - Amy shared that the RCIA process will now continue throughout the year for people to receive training when they would like to. A discussion was held on how to best reach out to people who may want to participate in training. A suggestion was made to send letters to the students who attend Blessed Sacrament School to inquire about interest in the RCIA program for students who have not received their sacraments.

Dynamic Catholic "Holy Moments"

Mary Roulston shared that Dynamic Catholic's "Best Lent Ever" will be focusing on the book Holy Moments. She suggested ordering a book for each family in the parish. She also would like to have a "BS/STV Holy Moments Facebook page" with an opportunity for parishioners to share holy moments that they witness. She communicated with Libby Stupica at Dynamic Catholic who gave ideas for this site and shared how the Dynamic Catholic office has a "Holy Moment Bulletin Board" for sharing holy moments. Libby also shared that in their office, they think of types of holy moments and people in the office pick one to randomly do. We discussed the possibility of having a board similar to this in the church vestibule. Mary will write a proposal for purchasing 250 books (\$1.00 each, no shipping) to submit to Dan Horan for the K of C, if Father Severine approves this opportunity for the parish. The Knights are not meeting again until early February which may not allow enough time for delivery prior to the weekend of February 18/19 when books would be distributed, if approved.

Hard as Nails - Jill Kuehner shared that the group members of Hard as Nails are located in North Syracuse and may be willing to come to daily or weekend Masses, if we invite them. A discussion at the Parish Engagement subcommittee meeting was held in November to look into a Hard as Nails event with other parishes in our vicariate to include many participants and sharing the expense.

A suggestion was made to look into having another program similar to the program that Deacon Mike planned a few years ago with Chris Spilka and other presenters.

Knights of Columbus Information

Dan Horan shared that the Knights will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on January 28, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 to benefit the BS school scholarship program. They are working to get high school and confirmation student volunteers.

The Ignite Men's Conference will be held at OCC on March 25, 2023. The Rosary is being prayed prior to the 5:15 Mass on the second Saturday of each month in the church.

Closing

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Amy McCune shared a Closing Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Roulston