

Parish Council Minutes

5/14/24

Members Present:

Pete Moles
Vince Cutrie

Frank Foley
Mary Roulston

Matt Klinger

Pastoral Staff

Father Severine
Janice Corcoran

Deacon Mike

Advisors:

Sharon Racht

Parishioner:

Peggy Chase

The meeting began at 7:00 with an opening prayer by Father Severine.

Pastoral Report

General information Christ the King Retreat House is closing. Rome Catholic and Our Lady of Pompei schools are closing. We need to be strong, these are signs of the time. Be strong in our faith and keep moving forward.

Ministry Reports

BS School - Pete Moles reported for Llsa Coppola

- 25th Auction in April - raised over \$30,000.
- May Service Project - Walk for a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis
- Tag Days for court appointed advocates for abused foster children
- Drama Club production May 16 & 17
- Mom Prom was this past Saturday
- Last Day of School June 21
- Memorial Day Parade - school will be participating in the parade

Faith Formation

- First Communion on May 5 at 9:15AM Mass (I will have post-FC information that I can send to you after next Sunday).
- May Crowning on May 12 at the Masses (I am overseeing getting the students for the three Masses).
- Confirmation on May 19 at 9:15AM Mass. Bishop Cunningham presiding.
- Donna has worked with Bobby Decker and Dan Horan to create the proposal for the Gathering Space for the back of the church. The proposal has been submitted to Father for his signature and to send to Fr. Seibt for his review and approval.

Janice Corcoran - Parish Outreach

- Clients get 3 bags and will be using the garage with the nice weather
- Volunteer dinner - letter will be given to heads of the dept
- Olive Garden every Tuesday - food given to the pantry, lasagna and sausage

- Confirmation students have been very helpful in setting up the food distribution
- Numbers are increasing

Financial Committee - Pete Moles reported for Bernie Corbishley

- Collections continue to be down from the prior year. Currently exploring options for an Increased Offertory program to be launched in the Fall. Parish support to the school for the second year in a row is expected to be \$10,000 or less.
- Blessed Sacraments contribution/assessment to the Victims Trust for \$14,333 has not yet been assessed.
- Continuing to explore options to generate more revenue from the Convent. As indicated before, Toto Tuus needs the entire facility for 10 weeks for their program. Suggestions are welcomed!

Parish Discussions

- Discussion of possible ways to create revenue for the convent, which is no longer being utilized. Toto Tuus will be using the convent each summer for 10 weeks each summer. Father reported that the expenses for the convent are approximately \$25,000/year. A question was asked if the diocese could take on the convent building instead of the parish. Ideas were suggested for daycare, housing for student teachers or LeMoyne students. A suggestion was made to reach out to Linda LeMura at LeMoyne to discuss possible rental from graduate students or student teachers.
- Hospitality updates: Mary shared that the Wine/Cheese event in April went well. We are looking to have a spring event on June 15, 2024 following the 5:15 Mass. Mary will begin looking at dates and is taking suggestions for a summer parish picnic.
- Parish Survey: Topics of focus were reviewed and clarification of all staff members having a copy of the results. Mary will reshare the survey strengths and suggestions to all staff and council members. Donna and Mary will be creating a section in the weekly bulletin of suggestions from the survey and how the parish is working to improve that area.
- A discussion was held about the difficulty in finding volunteers outside of the "usual" staff and congregation members. A suggestion was made when planning events to let the congregation know ahead of time that volunteers are needed by a given date and if people are not able to help that the event may need to be cancelled.

2024-2025 Parish Council Positions

All leadership positions will be open for next year. Pete asked for members to consider members to nominate.

Deacon Mike shared a Closing Prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

The next meeting will be held on June 18, 2024 at 7:00 in the A.P.R.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Roulston