

MINUTES OF THE ST. PIUS X PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

January 27, 2022

The regular meeting of the St. Pius X Parish Council was held on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 7:00pm in the parish house. Council members present: Fr. Brian Simon, Joe Sovell, Greg Lorenz, Lee Rausch & Tawana Grueb.

Staff present: Lisa Guthmiller, Stacie Weinheimer. Absent: Mike Wiley & Sarah Severson.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Father Simon.

The meeting agenda and minutes of the last meeting were reviewed by the council. Greg asked if council could add the cross lights, funeral slideshow and snow shoveling during the meeting. Using the building funds for the concrete work was also discussed at this time and a motion from Tawana to transfer the funds from that account to checking to cover the project was approved by members. Father commented that the finances look good for the year and that he apologized for not attending the bazaar as he did not realize that this was our annual big fundraiser. He said he did come down for the evening and enjoyed the festivities. Also in finances, he mentioned that because of a donation the new YFF curriculum was paid for and spoke about the Formed website and the great resource it is for families to be able to use. This was followed by an explanation of account number uses.

New Business:

In new business, Father reviewed the insurance inspection report. There were some minor issues to take care of and we were informed of the recall of 2 of our dehumidifiers. It was decided to send in the information to receive the rebates on the units which is \$27.50 each. There is a recall on smoke alarms also that needs to be checked into.

The Mass Cancellation procedure was discussed. Council felt that the current “phone tree” style method was sufficient at the time. Father will notify people to help get the word out.

Father talked about the Pope’s new Synod, what the diocese survey is about, and the other local meetings associated with this and how to go forward with ideas.

Pastoral Letter – Father wanted some insight into possibly sending out a pastoral letter to address the rough start, personal attacks, and problems when he first arrived. He stated that he had apologized at Mass and in the bulletin but was being advised to write a letter to all households. Stacie stated that she wasn’t sure this was necessary, that good things were happening and that most people have moved on from the issues. Further discussion was held on how to proceed.

Committee Reports:

Respect Life: Stacie presented the report from the Respect Life Committee. She stated that the Advent baby shower went well, that the diocese is no longer involved and that items collected were delivered to local families and Birthright in Pierre. They will also be hosting the World Day of Prayer this year.

Social Concerns: Stacie asked what the plan is with this committee. She said she gets many calls and people are asking what is going on etc. Tawana said that she had spoken with Nola and that they would be co-chairing this committee. They will plan on putting sign up sheets out for Sunday lunches for February and April.

Maintenance: Snow removal issues were discussed, and Joe stated that he uses his skid steer to remove snow from the parking lot and front sidewalk when necessary. No volunteers have signed up for shoveling for rest of season. The bottom half of lights are out on the outside cross. Contacts will be made to see how to proceed. The use/need for a screen/projector for the Altar for use during funerals, etc. was also discussed.

Religious Education/YFF:

Father spoke on his recent trip to DC for the Right to Life March. He stated that he led an impromptu tour of the area, covid was not too big of an issue and that they estimated nearly 150,00 marchers attended. He was joined on the trip by 3 high school youth from Gettysburg. No one from St. Pius attended.

Stacie said that the gift baskets the classes made for the bazaar were very nice. The youth Christmas program had to be canceled and that there were only 5 children for the Christmas Eve Mass processional. She stated that she may be looking at doing something else for next year. The feedback sheets that she handed out to teachers are coming in with great comments. She then spoke on the need for Altar Servers and the training to be held this week with Father. It was mentioned that parents serving with their children works great and that Father likes the idea of having a lead server to give direction to the younger ones. Stacie said that the kids are excited to be serving! Father said he will be patient and help the new servers to learn their roles. The Donahue funeral was brought up and Father stated that there was nothing set up for him when he arrived. He asked that this be taken care of going forward. There being no further business the meeting was concluded in prayer. A date for the next meeting was set for March 24.