

**St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting -- April 21, 2022**

**Attendance:**

Jennifer, Josh, Susan, David, Randy, Meg, Jason, Father Ken, Paul. Deacon Matt and Father James arrived just after the start of the meeting.

1. **Opening Prayer: Father Ken**
2. **March Meeting Minutes:** No comments on the previous meeting minutes. Moved by Jason and seconded by Paul to approve the minutes.
3. **Summary of the Concluded Lenten Season:** Fr. Ken noted that it went well. Daily mass attendance was strong. 40 to 50 on Tuesdays, over 20 on Wednesdays and 75-100 on Thursday nights. He estimated that 1,800 attended the Easter masses. Lots of confessions but Stations of the Cross were lightly attended.
4. **Brick Garden:** The bricks have been ordered and should arrive soon. Dustin Currin has stepped up to take the lead on the brick installation. The rock for underlayment has been donated. A skid loader and operator are also being provided. Tom Carpenter will assist with the project as well. Fr. Ken expects the bricks to be installed around the end of May.
5. **Faith Formation:** David reported that there is much going on -
  - Three to Thrive went well. There were positive discussions at the tables.
  - First Communion is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. May 4<sup>th</sup> is the crowning for the RE students (with rosaries, flowers, etc).
  - Vacation Bible School is a go, as David was able to secure enough volunteers. He will run the program. Attendance will be capped at 120 kids. Scheduled for June 20 – 24 from 9:00 am to Noon each day.
  - Confirmation is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The next session of Three to Thrive will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - That Man is You is a new men's program that will be held this fall. Six men on are the core team. Start date will be September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 am.
  - Two completed RCIA and entered the church on Easter.
6. **Oxtoberfest Subcommittee Update:** Jennifer and Meg are heading up this effort. The event will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11-4. A benefitting organization or targeted purpose will be chosen. Last year it was new vestments. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

7. **Social Concerns Committee:** They met on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Paul Carlson will lead a Habitat for Humanity Home Build drive in August/September. The Circle of Faith and Habitat for Humanity were recent organizations that the committee targeted contributions. \$5,611 was donated.
8. **Liturgy Committee:** April 24<sup>th</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday so the chaplet will be said at 3:00 pm. There is one new eucharistic minister.
9. **Finance Committee:** Budgeting is doing well, generally. We have already met the goal for revenues for the year, which is good since a \$60,000 shortfall was budgeted for this year. The tithing revenues were conservatively underestimated, so hopefully the budget will balance by the end of the fiscal year.
10. **Knights of Columbus:** Jason Richards reported –
  - The Golf League Kickoff Dinner went well.
  - There will be a breakfast on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Knights may be asked to assist with Vacation bible School.
  - Our council assisted with beer sales at the Drake basketball games over the winter, and this generated nice revenues.
  - The Fish Fry was last Friday, and was a success. The biggest issue was that the Knights ran out of fish one hour before the schedule ending time. Over 400 were served. The estimated expenses for the fry were \$2,400 and the money received was \$4,400.
  - 40 Cans for Lent received strong donations. Paul and Mike Roarty will deliver the canned goods next Tuesday. The food will be split between the Catholic Worker House and the Catholic Outreach Center.
11. **Father Ken Updates:**
  - Blue/Red Mass - The mass will once again be held on a Thursday night in May. Father Ken invited Fire Chief James Clack to serve as Deacon at the mass since he is a deacon in Minnesota. However, the Chief will be out of town.
  - School Update – There are 280 students for next year. There is still a need for 1 or 2 additional teachers. The addition project is now fully complete and accepted. There is one \$8,000 payment remaining and that will be made shortly. This project was fully funded without financing.
  - The City planning commission approved the extension of the portable classrooms for another 5 years. A crosswalk is still needed. The City public works is going to complete another study for this.
  - Approximately 1,000 SF was sold to the developer of the adjacent property to the north. This will facilitate the construction of a cul-de-sac street that will extend south to the church access/parking lot. This will be a public street that will be maintained by the City.
  - A movie production company has approached Father to see if they could temporarily locate trailers and campers for the movie personnel on church property. Probably on the west asphalt lot. They may have to enlarge that lot. The duration would be from July to mid-September. They would pay \$500 per day for rent. This proposal is being

seriously considered, so more information (generators, city permission, etc) will be obtained.

- The issue with the sound system in the gym has been fixed. A loose cable was located.
- Father asked the Council members to consider possible new outreach efforts for our parishioners.

**12. Next Meeting for the Parish Council is May 12, 2022.**