

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Parish Pastoral Council August 11, 2022 – In Person Meeting @ 7:15 PM

Attendees: Jennifer Joensen, Meg Schon, Mirka Deza, Randy Gomez, Paul Moritz, Susan Grebasch, Brian Werner, Josh Harry, Fr. Ken Halbur, Fr. Ryan Andrew, Deacon Fred Cornwell, Nick Rahe, David Reising

Opening Prayer

June Meeting Minutes - *Moved by Meg, Second by Brian*

New Business

Faith Formation Update

- That Man Is You
 - 31 men signed up currently, start date in September
- RE
 - Primary assistant for RE has moved away - looking for volunteer to assist with this vacancy
 - Sisters of St. Luke's or Prime Timers groups may be possible groups to see if there could be volunteers to assist with filling this void
- Family of Faith
 - Meets on first Wednesday of the month (other RE group does not meet this week)
- Women's Bible Study
 - Starting on September 20th - Walking With Purpose
- Three To Thrive
 - Will resume next month after a summer break - Elizabeth Sheaff speaking on infertility and miscarriage
- RCIA
 - Beginning in September - have 3-7 possible participants currently
 - Deacon Matt will lead RCIA
- Going to start doing monthly St. Luke's (parish and school) gathering to continue to foster community - more information to come

Knights of Columbus

- Tootsie Roll Drive at State Fair on Monday August 15
- Innervations Dinner Dance in Saturday, September 19th - will help provide food and set-up/tear-down for event
- New officers installed last month
- New fryer has been purchased
- Plan to serve drinks for Oxtoberfest
- State golf event which Knights helped served at - funds raised will be used towards soccer goals for the new playground

Summary of Summer Events/Attendance (July, Luau)

- Luau
 - Purpose of this event was for fun and community - did not want this to serve as a fundraiser
 - 50-75 people attended (raised around \$1,000)
 - Served as a good, casual gathering which will continue to be the

purpose of the event in the summer going forward

- All funds raised will go to the FSA

Brick Garden

- Bricks we wanted were not available through the original company
- Original company will provide customized bricks but additional bricks were going to be more expensive - now using a local company to provide additional, un-engraved bricks around perimeter of garden in a different color which can be customized at later dates
- Bricks should arrive in a few weeks

Oxtoberfest

- Committee met yesterday evening
 - In need of volunteers to make event successful
 - Committee has divided up businesses to contact and appeal for donations
 - Will add a kids Stein-holding contest
 - Need ideas for little kids outside - possibly tractor rides, bubble machine
 - Not going to have a band this year - will play music over speakers
- Funds will be allocated to purchasing a statue of St. Luke (5 ft - 6ft tall)
 - Between \$6,000-10,000
 - Will market that last years Oxtoberfest funds have been put to use with current, matching vestments

Parish Committee Updates

Welcome Committee

- 801 total parish families currently

Social Concerns

- Catholic Worker House on August 27th
- Tithe of the Tithe Donations:
 - Habitat for Humanity, Circle of Faith - \$1,000
 - will sponsor another house build - Sept 7 and Oct 26
 - Biking for Babies - \$500
 - Love Lunches - \$500
 - \$1,177 being held for organizations that support mom's and baby service center - doing research on new organizations in the area before decided where to allocate these funds

Liturgy

- First monday morning Mass had about 20-25 people
- Daily Mass attendance between 20-30 people (Tuesday mornings up to ~40 people, Thursday nights usually around 70 people, Saturday morning up to 50-100 people)
 - Plan to keep daily Mass at 7am to allow people to get to work on time
 - School Mass will be on Wednesday's at 8:30am
- Adjustment of Mass times will likely occur in September - possibly adding additional Sunday Mass
- Weekend Masses:
 - 10:30a is busiest Mass and always require gym seating, 4:30p and

8a do not need overflow but some people prefer to sit in gym, 6p average between 200-250 people

Finance

- Ahead of tithing by approximately \$100,000
- Finished the year well ahead of budget - budgeted ~\$400,000s for tithing but received over \$600,000 in tithing
- Recent \$20,000 donation to Future Phase Fund - total of \$60,000 raised for this fund
- Ignite Campaign
 - Need 4-6 couples to assist with making phone calls
 - Will have a training for those couples who volunteer to make calls
 - Fundraising goal - \$625,000; If we go over goal, 100% comes back to the parish and will be allocated to Future Phase Fund
 - Will start in September/October - will be a 3 year campaign for St. Luke's so we can transition to Future Phase Fund campaign

Father Ken's comments

School, Budget updates

- Will be building a gazebo (12-20 ft)
- Purchased new microphones
- May use leftover Oxtoberfest funds from last year to purchase new Missals
- 301 students enrolled for upcoming school year (26 more than last year) - 43 kindergartners (spot for 1 more child)
- Budgets for ~\$40,000 deficit for next year but this is a conservative estimate similar to this year
 - Parish is doing well with tithing so will encourage special gifts to be allocated to Future Phase or Building Project
 - Angel Fund - tuition assistance program for SLTE students (20-25k per year); if a family is in need of help to cover costs to allow child to stay in school, these funds will cover those expenses
- Average tithing is approximately \$44,000-50,000 per month - \$34,000 is via automatic withdrawal/stripe and recurring monthly
- Tithe of the Tithe - currently set at 5% but will likely increase to 7.5-10% over the next year

Next Meeting – September 8, 2022

- Meg will be serving as the new Parish Council chair for the next year starting next meeting

Closing Prayer